The Royal Parks Sustainability Policy

The Royal Parks charity manages over 5,000 acres of historic parkland and open spaces across London. This includes eight Royal parks: Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park, The Green Park, The Regent's Park & Primrose Hill, Richmond Park, Greenwich Park and Bushy Park. The charity also manages other important green spaces in London, including Victoria Tower Gardens and Brompton Cemetery.

The significance of these spaces and landscapes place sustainability at the centre of how we manage them. Our Sustainability Strategy (The Royal Parks Sustainability Strategy), provides a framework for our operations. It sets out how we will embed sustainability across our activities and operations, ensuring that environmental, social, and financial considerations are integrated into park management. The strategy is delivered through three interconnected themes:

- Conserving the Parks (protecting, conserving, and enhancing landscapes, biodiversity, heritage, and water resources while building resilience to climate change impacts).
- Sustainable Park Operations (reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving resource efficiency, supporting circular economy principles, and promoting sustainable procurement and responsible events).
- Parks for People (ensuring the parks remain inclusive, accessible, and resilient spaces that support wellbeing, learning, engagement, and positive action for sustainability).

These themes guide our priorities and efforts, helping us deliver environmental protection, public benefit, and long-term resilience. Through their delivery, we will continue to protect and enhance ecosystems, conserve natural resources, minimise pollution, fulfil our compliance obligations, and improve our Environmental Management System and environmental performance. In support of these ambitions, we are committed to achieving Operational Net Zero by 2030 and working towards Net Zero by 2050.

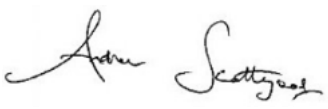
To support the delivery of our Sustainability Strategy and long-term objectives, we are committed to:

- Protecting, conserving and enhancing our landscapes, biodiversity, heritage assets, and water resources through appropriate management to strengthen climate resilience and protect the unique character of The Royal Parks.
- Monitoring and reporting our greenhouse gas emissions and implementing actions that support the achievement of Operational Net Zero by 2030 and Net Zero by 2050.
- Working with event partners to minimize environmental harms, protect biodiversity, minimise pollution, reduce waste, and support continual improvement in sustainable event delivery.
- Working with catering concessions to improve sustainability performance, reduce waste, promote responsible sourcing and support carbon reduction.
- Exploring ways of reducing the use of natural resources and utilities as much as practicable, such as relying on borehole water where possible, and continuing to purchase 100% renewable electricity.

- Prioritising reduction, reuse and recycling in line with the waste hierarchy while embracing circular economy principles, in ambition to achieve zero waste to landfill.
- Encouraging sustainable and low-carbon modes of transport for staff, using active travel (walking and cycling) and public transport where appropriate.
- Ensuring that our responsible procurement decisions consider relevant sustainability and Modern Slavery criteria and requirements.
- Ensuring that all Royal Parks staff are kept informed of our objectives and initiatives through an annual conference, to help them understand their individual responsibilities within them and, where applicable, in the delivery of the Sustainability Strategy.
- Promoting accessibility, inclusion and equity by engaging and collaborating with relevant stakeholders, local communities, visitors, partners and suppliers, considering the needs of diverse communities, and continually improving opportunities for people of all backgrounds and abilities to access, enjoy and benefit from the parks.
- Building environmental awareness and knowledge among our staff, volunteers, contractors, partners and suppliers, and promoting collaborative knowledge sharing to support continual improvement in environmental outcomes.
- Defining sustainable design and climate resilience principles across the planning, management, operation, and development of our parks, buildings, and infrastructure, including the consideration of recognised standards such as BREEAM where appropriate, to enhance environmental performance, resource efficiency, and long-term resilience for future generations.
- Fulfilling our compliance obligations and continually improving our Environmental Management System to enhance environmental performance and support the achievement of our sustainability objectives.

The Royal Parks is strongly committed to protecting London's eight Royal Parks' historic landscapes and continually assessing the potential impacts of our operations. We will maintain the procedures and controls needed to achieve our long-term objectives, whilst complying with all relevant legislation and meeting the standards to which we subscribe. We will work to achieve our objectives through the continual review and implementation of suitable measures to ensure improvement in our sustainability performance.

Ultimately, we are committed to managing the parks sustainably so that everyone is welcome to visit them and connect with nature and others. We are doing this by taking decisive action to protect the parks now and adapt them for a changing climate in the future so that the parks remain resilient and can continue to thrive, boosting the health and happiness of visitors for generations to come.



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