The SDG Accord

The University and College Sector's Collective Response to the Global Goals

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Integration of SDGs in

☐ Institutional governance/strategic level
☐ SDGs in research
☒ SDGs in campus operations
☐ SDGs in curriculum development
☐ SDGs in student engagement activities
☒ SDGs into community activities
☐ SDGs at a whole-institution level

Focus on

☐ Goal 1 - No poverty
☐ Goal 2 - Zero hunger
☐ Goal 3 - Good health and wellbeing
☐ Goal 4 - Quality education
☐ Goal 5 - Gender equality
☐ Goal 6 - Clean water and sanitation
☐ Goal 7 - Affordable and clean energy
☐ Goal 8 - Decent work and economic growth
☐ Goal 9 - Industry, innovation and infrastructure
☐ Goal 10 - Reduced inequalities
☒ Goal 11 - Sustainable cities and communities
☐ Goal 12 - Responsible consumption and production
☐ Goal 13 - Climate action
☐ Goal 14 - Life below water
☐ Goal 15 - Life on land
☐ Goal 16 - Peace, justice and strong institutions
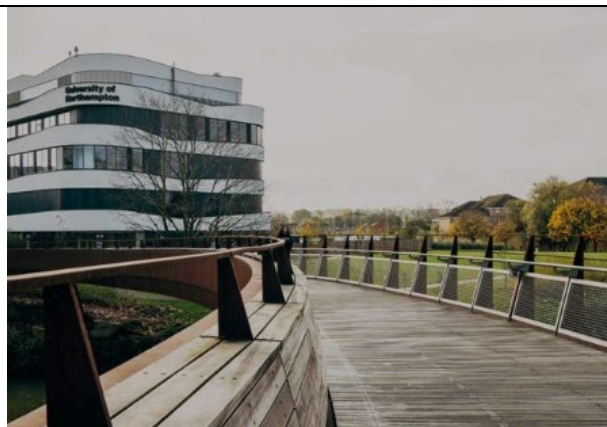☐ Goal 17 - Partnerships for the goals

Outline the benefits of integrating this theme.

1. Increases walking and cycling by: improving the walking & cycling environment, creating new journeys, improving connectivity.

2. Ensures the campus is both accessible and an asset to the community.

3. Prioritises pedestrians and not motorists.

Outline the barriers (*if any*) encountered in integrating this theme and how you overcame these.

1. Safety concerns about walking through Becket's Park in dark nights/mornings – we worked in collaboration with the Local Authority and Police service to improve the safety via lighting, CCTV, clearing shrubbery and providing a new open and well-lit route via the University bridge.

2. Motorists were concerned about not being able to drive through the campus as this would provide a quicker route. We consulted with stakeholders at all stages and were transparent about the aims of Waterside to prioritise sustainable modes of travel.

Please outline your conclusions and recommendations to others.

Under normal circumstances, Waterside is a hub of activity utilised by all our stakeholders for work, study, leisure, socialising and travel.

Waterside has provided a new place to enjoy, restored heritage and improved the town's connectivity. The ethos of travel around the site is an exemplar for the town to follow in its new development plans. Prioritising the pedestrian over the motorist has set the tone for the town.

Since our relocation to Waterside we have created a new Environment and Sustainability Team who are working to achieve impact across all areas of the SDGs, Net Zero carbon and subsequent reporting and pledges.

Our next steps for our pedestrians and cyclists are: improving the cycling infrastructure (including secure bike compound and improved showers), introducing bikes to our fleet, extending our new student cycle loan scheme, adding additional wayfinding signage, improving the bio-diversity of the campus and going for Hedgehog friendly campus gold award.