

PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

As the statutory harbour authority, licensing authority and owner of the riverbed of the tidal Thames, the Port of London Authority (PLA) has environmental duties under the Harbours Act 1964, Port of London Act 1968 (as amended), and the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

The PLA is a competent authority under the Conservation of Habitats & Species Regulations 2010 (as amended), and has other duties and obligations under European and UK legislation. We have a dedicated environment team integrated into the wider organisation and a cross departmental Environment Group to deliver our obligations.

In discharging our roles, we are committed to compliance with all applicable environmental legislation and other relevant requirements in the pursuit of our duties and powers. As Custodians of the tidal Thames our mission is to conserve and improve the tidal Thames alongside its use as a thriving port and waterway. Under the PLA Strategy we are committed to the sustainable development of the river and estuary in accordance with the Marine Policy Statement and delivering the PLA's environmental contributions to the Thames Vision Goals. It is the Board's policy that we will:

- Maintain an Environmental Management System (EMS) to continually improve, assess the impacts of the PLA's activities on the environment and, monitor and audit the EMS and its effectiveness for all significant PLA properties and areas of activity.
- Provide appropriate management of the estuary and our estate particularly within designated conservation sites and work with communities to continue to improve these sites for future generations.
- Deliver actions to reduce emissions from vessels in the Thames including the PLA's own vessels under the Air Quality Strategy, including monitoring of the emissions in areas of concern, provision of an incentive for visiting ships based on the Environmental Shipping Index.
- Pursue hybrid and green technologies for the provision of power across the PLA estate and in developments across the Thames
- Maintain the PLA's accreditation as a European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) EcoPort and follow the relevant parts of the ESPO Green Guide.
- Implement the recommendations contained in the PLA's Adapting to Climate Change report reviewed in 2015 and keep the actions under review.
- Protect the environment by preventing pollution, whilst maintaining a high level of preparedness and taking appropriate action to deal with any incidents, including through the Thames Oil Spill Clearance Association.
- Pursue efficiency in energy as set out in the Energy Policy and waste reductions in accordance with the PLA Waste Management Plan where practicable.
- Reduce resource and energy use through sustainable procurement practices and policies.
- Monitor and maintain the absolute carbon footprint of our operation and meet our reduction target from our 2014 baseline by 2023, by implementing initiatives to reduce aspects contributing to our carbon footprint. To report both absolute and CO₂e per pilotage act to reflect growth of trade.
- Communicate this environmental policy to all staff, contractors and suppliers and provide guidance and appropriate training where necessary. Publish an environment report of the PLA's environment performance from 2019.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our performance, in our use of resources to accomplish this, and to maintaining certification ISO 14001:2015.

This environmental policy was approved by the PLA Board on 4th December 2018 and will be reviewed annually.

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