

PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

As a statutory harbour authority, licensing authority and significant landowner for 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 a range of other environmental duties and obligations under European and domestic 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. 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.
- Deliver the PLA's environmental contributions to the Thames Vision Goals and deliver actions to reduce emissions from vessels under the Air Quality Strategy, including continual provision of an incentive for visiting ships based on the Environmental Shipping Index.
- Maintain our accreditation as a European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) EcoPort, following the relevant parts of the ESPO Green Guide.
- Implement the recommendations contained in our Adapting to Climate Change report reviewed in 2015 and keep the actions under review.
- Commit to 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.
- Monitor and maintain the carbon footprint of our operation and meet our 25% reduction target from our 2014 baseline by 2020, by implementing initiatives to reduce aspects contributing to our carbon footprint.
- Communicate this environmental policy to all staff, contractors and suppliers and provide guidance and appropriate training where necessary.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our performance, in our use of resources to accomplish this, and to maintaining our existing registration under the ISO 14001:2008 and implementing the ISO 14001:2015 environmental standard by 2018.

This environmental policy was approved by the PLA Board on 5th December 2017 and will be reviewed annually.

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Chief Executive

