

Operating sustainably



An artist's impression of the new Northfield development

Breaking ground on Northfield

As part of our current major programme of construction and refurbishment, work has begun on Northfield, a new student residence complex located at the north end of campus. The development will include 777 en-suite study-bedrooms and a social centre. The buildings will be constructed to the highest environmental specifications, and will provide our students with a high-quality, modern, comfortable place to live that is designed to be in keeping with existing campus architecture and the surrounding landscapes of the South Downs.

Sussex achieves first milestone award as an 'eco campus'

Sussex has received the first stage 'bronze' accreditation for an Environmental Management System, just 10 months after joining the scheme.

EcoCampus, funded by HEFCE, encourages, rewards and provides tools to assist universities in moving towards environmental sustainability and good operational and management practices.

Sussex was one of 13 universities to sign up to the scheme in August 2008 and has now reached the first of four accreditation stages. Bronze is awarded on successful completion of the initial planning stage. This involved setting up the management structure, conducting baseline environmental reviews, redrafting the University's environmental policy, establishing roles and responsibilities, conducting an evaluation of training needs, developing a training plan, and establishing a legal register of relevant environmental law.

Work will now continue to achieve the silver accreditation – the implementation phase – which focuses on environmental aspects and impacts, objectives, targets, and action programmes, and then on embedding these into the environmental policy.