



**Wick Academy Football Club
Harmsworth Park Wick
Environmental Policy
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Introduction

Wick Academy Football Club is a member of the Scottish Highland Football League and is recognised as being Britain's most northerly senior football club. We travel in excess of 3,000 miles per annum to fulfil our Highland League fixture commitments and have a fully integrated youth programme to develop our local talent. We pride ourselves in community integration at all levels.

This document is designed to describe the Clubs Environmental Policy.

Environmental Policy

Wick Academy Football Club recognise that our activities inevitably have an impact on the environment. Consequently we are committed to a process of continual environmental improvement and pollution prevention.

This Statement provides a framework for developing and reviewing environmental objectives.

It is the policy of Wick Academy Football Club to minimise the potentially significant impacts the Club has on the environment. We actively encourage the use of public transport, energy efficiency and promote waste minimisation and environmentally friendly waste disposal throughout the Club and by our supporters.

We treat all relevant environmental legislation and regulations as the minimum standard and seek to exceed them wherever possible.

We endeavour to identify opportunities to reduce and recycle the resources we consume including energy, water and other natural resources, thereby also minimising the amount of waste we produce.

We discourage avoidable travel, encourage the use of walking, cycles, public transport, car sharing and coach use.

We expect our suppliers to demonstrate good environmental, social and ethical management practices and we engage with them regularly to identify opportunities for improvement.

Our commitment

We recognise that our activities impact on the environment. Consequently we embrace the principles of sustainable development and we are committed to a process of continual environmental improvement and pollution prevention.

Our aims

- **Minimise and conserve**

We endeavour to identify opportunities to reduce the resources we consume including energy, water and other natural resources, thereby also minimising the

amount of waste we produce. Where practicable, we shall reuse materials, recycle waste and procure recycled products.

- **Comply**

We shall endeavour to comply with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations. Moreover we shall treat these as the minimum standard and seek to exceed them wherever possible.

- **Involve and communicate**

We shall document and communicate our policy to employees, suppliers, business partners, shareholders and supporters and provide the necessary training and resources to support the implementation of our policy.

Measures to Encourage Walking and Cycling

Walking and cycling are the most sustainable means of travel. The National Travel Survey has established that 80% of journeys of less than 1 mile (1.6km) are made on foot. The club's core catchment area is local and a high proportion of home supporter live within one or two miles of the stadium, therefore Wick Academy Football Club encourages walking to matches.

Walking and/or cycling may also be a realistic options for those working at the Harmsworth Park.

The Harmsworth Park is fully accessible by walking and cycling.

Direct access is available from South Road.

Public Transport

Harmsworth Park is highly accessible by public transport, being located directly on a main bus route. There is a bus stop directly outside the stadium. The Wick railway station is also only a 10 minute walk from the stadium. Public transport is therefore encouraged by the club as a realistic mode of travel for those working at, or visiting the stadium.

We will also arrange for away supporters visiting Harmsworth Park, via the Club web site, to be made aware of the accessibility of the site by walking and cycling, and in particular that they are aware of the pedestrian routes linking the site to the town centre and in particular to the railway station.

Timing of matches

Wick Academy Football Club will manage the timing of events, particularly the start time of football matches, to ensure that high flows of football related traffic does not occur at peak times on the local road network.

Policy review

This policy is a living document and one, which Wick Academy Football Club will keep under review.

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