



Environmental Policy Statement

Port of Blyth's objective is to maintain a balance between commercial, recreational and environmental interests within the limits of harbour jurisdiction, ensuring a sustainable and commercially viable trust port.

The Port is committed to continuous improvement of its environmental performance by fulfilling duties relating to conservation, regulation and enhancement of Blyth harbour whilst complying with all relevant UK, European and International legislation.

In implementing this policy, the Port shall ensure that it:

1. Environmental Management

- Ensures compliance with all relevant environmental legislation.
- Endorses the principles contained in the European Sea Ports Organisations Environmental Code of Practice.
- Assesses and mitigate environmental risks for all aspects of Port operations.
- Conducts regular environmental reviews and audits to identify areas for improvement.
- Ensures environmental sustainability is a key consideration within the Port's procurement policy for the business.
- Records all significant environmental occurrences.
- Publishes environmental performance within an annual review.

2. Resource Management

- Continues to monitor and where possible reduce resource consumption.
- Seeks opportunities to apply innovative technology to reduce emissions and energy consumption.

3. Waste Management

- Continually assess recycling, re-use and waste minimisation opportunities.

4. Communication & Training

- Communicates with employees, contractors, regulators and the general public regarding environmental performance and ensures roles and responsibilities are clear with those tasked to undertake such roles are fully competent.

5. Pollution Prevention and Control

- Ensures that contingency plans and controls are in place and regularly reviewed and tested in order to minimise the risk and impact of spills of oil, chemicals or potentially contaminating materials.
- Applies best available technology, without involving disproportionate costs, to plant acquisitions, facilities and activities in order to advance pollution control and emissions reduction.
- Pursues good house keeping policies to ensure tidiness on the Port estate.

This policy may be reviewed from time to time to embrace any changes in activities within the jurisdiction of Blyth harbour