



Harper Adams University

THE Awards 2019 – Outstanding Estates Strategy

Institution/Nominee	Harper Adams University
Title	STEP back to a sustainable campus
Key personnel	Harper Adams University
Submission	<p>When disaster strikes, how does a university get back on its feet?</p> <p>Our strategy for energy and carbon management faced this challenge with the catastrophic failure of a major energy installation. In the immediate aftermath, we dealt with detailed investigations, insurance claims and more, but we were also determined to adopt a new approach to win back a leading sector position in carbon management.</p> <p>We delivered an integrated, multiple energy source strategy, now providing 75% of our electricity and 80% of our heat. It was a massive undertaking, involving new energy generating installations, and a 3.5km ‘big dig’ around the university site to connect our buildings to a new district heating ring mains.</p> <p>The perseverance of our staff and the patience of our students meant that we delivered our plans without adversely affecting our academic performance, whilst securing benefits for the university and the environment in the years to come.</p>