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# Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

## Overview

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| Project Name: | UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH CAPEX PROGRAMME |
| Project Number: | 2015-0056 |
| Country: | United Kingdom |
| Project Description: | The Project concerned four of the University's five campuses (Central, King's Buildings, Little France/Bioquarter and Easter Bush) located in the greater Edinburgh area. The Project included, in addition to construction of new buildings to have more teaching and research space and additional student accommodation, the refurbishment and remodelling of existing university buildings to better house modern teaching, learning and research facilities. |

## Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

**EIB notes the following Environmental and Social performance and key outcomes at Project Completion.**

The Project sites were situated in existing campus areas and were already within respective city and regional plans. The Promoter provided a confirmation from the competent authority that none of the Project components required an EIA.

Eight buildings refurbished by the Project were category A (buildings of national or international importance) or B (buildings of regional or local importance) listed buildings. The Promoter obtained Listed Building Consents for the works undertaken.

The university's long-term objective is to become net zero carbon by 2040. In absolute terms, the UoE's CO2 emissions declined from 97 570 tonnes of CO2 in 2014/15 to 70 363 tonnes of CO2 in 2021/22. This is mainly due, however, to reductions in CO2 emissions from electricity generation the university does not directly control (scope 2 emissions). Scope 1 emissions – emissions UoE has direct control over, including site electricity generation and university vehicles – slightly increased from 41 572 to 42 763 tonnes of CO2 during the same period due to the increase in floor area used by the UoE. The Project impacted the UoE's carbon emissions by contributing to a substantial reduction in relative carbon dioxide emissions per floor area, which declined from 117.7 tonnes of CO2 per 1000m2 in 2014/15 to 71.9 tonnes of CO2 per 1000m2 in 2021/2022 (-39%).

**Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:**

The EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the Promoter and site visits by the EIB team during construction that the Project has been implemented in line with the EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.