



WATFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

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Watford F.C. is an English professional football club based in Hertfordshire, UK. The board members of Watford F.C. are aware of the importance of eliminating single-use plastics to reduce environmental pollution and harm to biodiversity, and support the transition to a circular economy. Watford F.C. hereby approves this **Single-Use Plastic Policy** (hereinafter the “**Policy**”), as part of our sustainable strategy to become a responsible club in the sports and leisure sector. Working alongside Watford FC Community Trust, we aim to lead by example and inspire climate leadership, by actively engaging across a full range of environmental issues, both within our own activities and operations and throughout our local communities.

## PURPOSE

This **Policy** establishes the principles of conduct for the implementation of the Watford F.C. Single-Use Plastic restrictions. The football club as a priority will focus on monitoring its operations and services, and will further commit to incorporating circular processes into the procurement and management of its resources. Where reducing and reusing is not possible, the football club commits to responsible procurement in adherence to national regulations.

Our roadmap for reducing negative environmental impact is aligned with the following UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

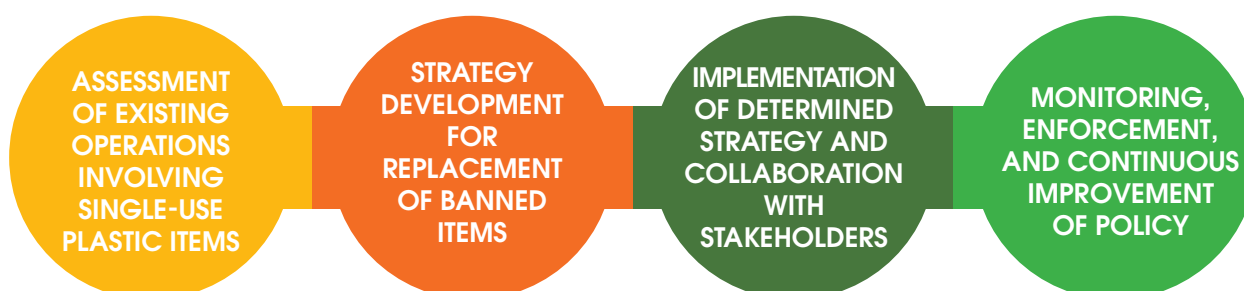
Key impact areas:



## SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This **Policy** applies to all sites under the control of Watford F.C including the stadium, Training ground, the two community hubs run by the Watford FC Community Trust, Meriden and Cedars, and all stakeholders of the Football Club including shareholders, Club personnel, coaches, players, suppliers, supporters, and other participatory parties engaged in operations and events.

## LINES OF ACTION



## OUR COMMITMENTS

Our action plan to accomplish this **Policy** is supported by the implementation of the following principles of conduct:

- Reduce and ultimately eliminate the use of Single-Use Plastic products within all Watford Football Club’s premises under the scope of this Policy, including but not limited to: plastic plates, trays or bowls, plastic balloon sticks, cutlery, straws, stirrers, polystyrene containers, cups, and cotton buds, in accordance to upcoming UK legislation - The Environmental Protection (Plastic Plates and Polystyrene Containers)(England) Regulations 2023
- Introduce new procurement criteria for the acquisition of eco-designed products and responsible alternatives to replace all types of single-use plastics referenced in this policy
- Implement a plastic-waste minimisation plan with key performance indicators to evaluate the execution of improvement measures to reduce plastic waste all over the premises
- Engage suppliers, including food and beverage vendors in the value chain to establish waste reduction targets and associated emissions related to consumables and packaging
- Raise awareness through campaigns addressed to all our stakeholders promoting the elimination of Single-Use plastic consumption.
- Communicate our performance and progress to our shareholders, employees, our wider supporter community, and other interested parties.

## WHAT WE EXPECT FROM OUR STAKEHOLDERS

Reaching our goals of Single-Use Plastic elimination requires participation from all stakeholders within our sports, commercial and regional community. Watford F.C therefore asks all stakeholders, including shareholders, personnel, suppliers, coaches, players, spectators, members of the local community of Hertfordshire and other interested parties to:

- To act as promoters of a responsible consumption of single-use plastics as well as become role models for our fans and supporters by complying with and enforcing this policy.
- Adapt to new consumption habits by offering innovative supply choices and replacing single-use plastics within the products and services provided.
- Support related initiatives sponsored by the Watford F. C.

**End of Policy**