Estimated Carbon Emissions for Local Privately Owned Student Accommodation

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Introduction

The University of Huddersfield does not own or operate any student accommodation facilities. However, the University Students Union (a distinct organisation from the University) does have an advertising relationship with various local, privately owned accommodation providers.

The carbon emissions for these local residential buildings have been estimated and are tabled below. These carbon emissions do not fall within scope for the University's Scope 1, 2 or 3 emissions, but are nevertheless relevant to consideration of the impact of student activities on the environment.

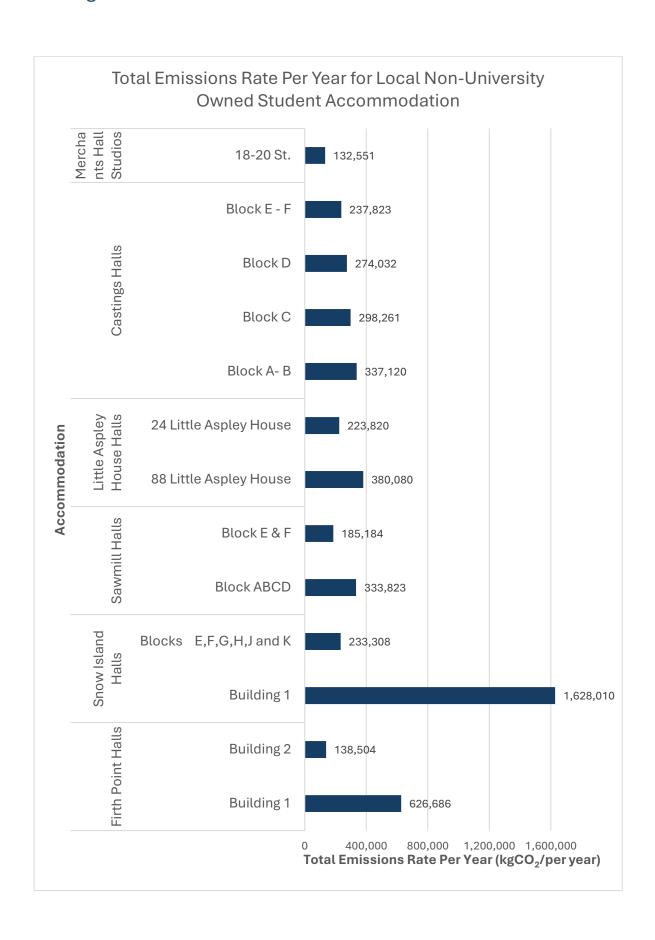
Baseline

Building name	Building No.	Total floor area (m²)	Building emission rate (kgCO ₂ /m ² per year)	Total emissions rate per year (kgCO ₂ /per year)
Firth Point Halls	Building 1	4,139	151.41	626,685
	Building 2	978	141.62	138,504

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	Building 1	11,622	140.08	1628,009		
Snow Island Halls	Blocks E,F,G,H,J and K	5,469	42.66	233,307		
Sawmill Halls	Block ABCD	6,710	49.75	333,822		
	Block E & F	4,262	43.45	185,183		
Little Aspley House Halls	88 Little Aspley House	9,095	41.79	380,080		
	24 Little Aspley House	15,123	14.8	223,820		
Castings Halls	Block A- B	5,369	62.79	337,119		
	Block C	4,469	66.74	298,261		
	Block D	4,037	67.88	274,031		
	Block E - F	3,993	59.56	237,823		
Aspley House Halls	No valid building level EPC available (none coming up on GOV website)					
Palace Studios	No valid building level EPC available (130 Different flat records)					
Renaissance Works Studios	No valid building level EPC available (Address not listed on gov website)					
The Works Studios	No valid building level EPC available (Address not listed on gov website)					
Threadworks Studios	No valid building level EPC available (Address not listed on gov website)					

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Dundas Works Studios	No valid building level EPC available (none coming up on GOV website)				
Merchants Hall Studios	18-20 St.	1,665	79.61	132,550	
Total				5,029,200	

Findings/ Results



Snow Island Halls, building 1, is the highest emitter in the dataset, producing approximately 1,628,010 kgCO₂ per year, followed by Firth Point Halls, Building 1, at 626,686 kgCO₂ per year. Other buildings with substantial emissions include 88 Little Aspley House (380,080 kgCO₂/year), Castings Halls Blocks A–B (337,120 kgCO₂/year), and Sawmill Halls Blocks ABCD (333,823 kgCO₂/year). Moderate emissions were observed across several buildings, including Snow Island Blocks E–K (233,308 kgCO₂/year) and Sawmill Halls Blocks E–F (185,184 kgCO₂/year), while Merchants Hall Studios showed a comparatively lower total of 132,551 kgCO₂/year. For several properties - including Aspley House Halls, Palace Studios, and The Works Studios - no valid EPC data was available, limiting the ability to quantify their emissions.

Recommendations

- The University Sustainability team should engage with the Students Union to encourage them to collect in-use data on the carbon emissions associated with each accommodation provider. This information could be provided to students to aid their decision making when selecting their accommodation.
- The Students Union should consider engaging with accommodation providers to identify and implement carbon reduction opportunities, such as behavioural changes from occupants or upgrades to heating equipment.