Waitrose Builds Towards a More Sustainable Future

Waitrose, along with its supply base, is focusing on refining operational practices in four different aspects of its work:-

**Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO_{2}e)**
The reduction of CO_{2}e emissions including CO_{2} and all other greenhouse gases such as methane. The aim is to see CO_{2}e emissions reduced by 15% by 2020 from 2010 levels. This would include the phasing out of problematic refrigerants through good working practice and new installations; the reduction of energy consumption by driving efficiency measures and making sound investments in best practice and finally, the drive that 100% of purchased electricity is to be derived from certified “green” sources by the end of 2015.

**Waste**
The elimination of food waste to landfill (nil by 2013) and the minimisation of waste through excellence in primary production, the recycling of all waste food, food donation (e.g. Fair Share) and anaerobic digestion.

**Water**
An increase in the base efficiency of water consumption and the percentage of “green water” used (i.e., treated and recycled for use in industrial processing, heating and cooling and in irrigation). A decrease in the percentage of “blue water” (i.e., from rivers, lakes and aquifers) used each year.

**Responsible Development:** All new builds and refurbishments to achieve a minimum BREEAM standard of ‘Very Good’. Targets for increasing the use of recycled materials by building contractors will be integrated into the corporate building policy.

Through rigorous monitoring and assessment, **Waitrose Green Awards** will be awarded annually.