



DP World London Gateway

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At a glance

DP World London Gateway is the UK's most integrated logistics hub; a state-of-the-art deep-sea port and rail terminal on the same site as an expansive landbank for the flexible and fast development of logistics facilities and warehouses. The smart trade facility employs 500 core staff and covers over nine million square foot of land, making it four times the size of the city of London.

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Alternatives to plastic water bottles

Since June 2018, **700** aluminium water bottles have been distributed to 500 employees and 200 key contractors to use at work, with water refill points installed in offices. The company also uses bamboo coffee cups as customer giveaways to reinforce the message that DP World is working to protect the world's ocean by eradicating single-use plastic.

Replacing plastic drinks cups

Prior to the project beginning, DP World London Gateway was using **48,000** single-use plastic cups per year to service water stations for its staff and visitors. Plastic cups have now been removed and glasses provided in all staff areas, with recyclable paper cups used in visitor areas.

700 refillable bottles distributed to employees and contractors



Reducing single-use plastic within the supply chain

In June 2018, DP World made a commitment to go single-use plastic-free within 18 months. As well as eradicating single-use plastic within its direct control, the organisation has also been liaising with **140** suppliers to do the same. To date, **23** companies have confirmed that they no longer use any single-use plastic products, milk pots and sauce sachets.



48,000 single-use plastic cups eliminated a year from drinking fountains

23 DP suppliers who have gone single-use plastic free



“Start small and with actions that are easy to achieve. It grows confidence, builds momentum, gets staff behind you – and it doesn't always cost more.”

Key opportunity

DP World has an on-site catering contractor that runs its café and canteen facilities for staff and visitors. It works closely with the catering team and its waste contractor to ensure that no extra waste is generated while eliminating plastic. For example, DP World initially approved a policy to switch to biodegradable bottles but found it didn't have the waste facilities to compost it – making it unsustainable. It has since identified paper birchwood as an alternative and, as of mid-2019, has made the switch where viable.

The Oceans Together Forum

DP World has made positive in-roads through its Oceans Together Forum – a consortium of seven local businesses led by DP World and Castlepoint Motors, and supported by the Member of Parliament for Castlepoint, Rebecca Harris – that has been working to drastically reduce single-use plastic in their organisations, and to influence others to follow suit. The forum has taken a number of significant actions including holding a conference attended by **50** local businesses, organising multiple beach cleans, running an anti-littering campaign, and engaging employees, local residents and the Essex business community, in their bid to protect the ocean.

What's next

DP World is continuing to expand the Oceans Together Forum in 2020.

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