

Veolia quick off the mark at Lords

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Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the owners of Lord's Cricket Ground, is set to extend its sustainability credentials through a wide-ranging recycling service with the UK's leading resource management company, Veolia. Hosting around half a million visitors each year, MCC, are now looking to extend sustainability further to meet their environmental sustainability targets in alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, by 2030.

Under the new contract Veolia will help increase current recycling rates by 50-60%, by capturing key materials through the introduction of onsite systems to manage the streams covering food, dry mixed recycling and glass, and implementing new initiatives for processing coffee cups and hand towels. Collected food waste will be used to generate low carbon energy and soil improvement products.

Carbon reductions of around 40% will be gained from deploying an electric fleet of vehicles to remove the recycling from site, and using Veolia's local facilities, including Southwark to process the waste. The measures will continue the venue's existing zero waste sent to landfill status by treating unrecyclable materials at SELCHP, Veolia's Energy Recovery Facility, to generate electricity for the grid and heat for the communities connected to the 2,800 home district heating scheme.

Commenting on the new contract, Simon Fatcher, Commercial Business Development Director at Veolia, said

"Getting this latest partnership across the line at the Home of Cricket is another example of how we can deliver real sustainability and carbon reductions to major sporting venues. By identifying and developing new operations to treat waste at big events, we can close the loop and advance the circular economy. Through our SELCHP facility, we can also transform unrecyclable items into energy, and even the resulting ashes can be transformed into new construction materials. "

Stuart Dunlop, Sustainability and Accessibility Manager from Marylebone Cricket Club, added:

“We are delighted to be teaming up with Veolia in what is already proving to be a successful partnership. Managing the waste generated at Lord’s is a major operation, and with Veolia bringing its industry-leading expertise in resource management, we are showcasing that MCC is taking sustainability seriously. We have set ambitious targets for our recycling rates and are aiming to be net zero carbon, and we’re sure our collaboration with Veolia will accelerate us towards these goals.”

The service at Lords will add to Veolia’s aim to become the benchmark company for ecological transformation, by tackling climate change, resource depletion, biodiversity collapse, and pollution. By expanding the use of existing and developing new solutions, the company is changing patterns of production and consumption and placing ecology at the heart of every process.

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