

OUR FOOD & DRINK SUSTAINABILITY CREDENTIALS

Our in house caterer, Amadeus not only do we believe in providing great food, but hold the belief that we are accountable in providing sustainable solutions throughout our catering offer.

Sourcing Local



At the end of every fork customers can find quality, seasonal produce handpicked by Amadeus' dedicated chefs. We aim to source produce as locally as possible – 80% of our food and beverage suppliers to the NEC can be found within a 30-mile radius – meaning our food is not only fresh, but environmentally friendly.

Our Plastic Pledge



As a business, we look to source the products which represent the best fit for the venues in our portfolio. Where we do use plastic, we will source responsible plastic products. For example, our bottled water at the NEC is supplied by Princes Gate – their water bottles are made from 55% rPET (guaranteed to be from UK, post-consumer recycled bottles) and 45% PET. It is widely recognised that PET plastic uses less energy and produces fewer greenhouse gas emissions during manufacture than any other alternative packaging solution e.g. glass, cans, tetra pak. In this way, PET plastic represents the best packaging solution for the environment when recycled correctly.

Supporting Communities



We're committed to supporting local communities too – 60% of our food and beverage suppliers are small and medium sized enterprises.

Waste Management



We are passionate about waste management and we make sure we work with the venues we operate in so that waste is disposed of in the right way. The NEC operates a zero to landfill model, thanks in part to the development of an onsite waste pre-treatment centre. The NEC is committed to ensuring that any waste sent off-site doesn't travel any further than 30 miles. In 2015, the NEC partnered with Severn Trent Water to launch a new Anaerobic Digestion plant less than four miles away from the venue. Any food waste from the NEC is delivered to the plant each year, where it is converted to energy to power local homes.

Sustainable Procurement



We're proud to say 98% of our disposable packaging spend is on sustainable products – be that recyclable, biodegradable or compostable.