



Waterworld Makes the Green Grade

An Energy Performance Certificate prepared for the UK's largest waterpark has earned the attraction top marks for energy efficiency.

Chairman of the Staffordshire park and serial entrepreneur, Mo Chaudry, was delighted to find that the building scored a 'B' on the government's scale, two marks above the benchmark for existing buildings of its type.

The Certificate, which evaluates every aspect of a property's energy use, including efficiency of heating equipment and insulation values, will be made mandatory for all commercial properties by the Department for Communities and Local Government in October this year.

Properties are assessed and graded from A-G on their environmental impact, based on the Simplified Building Energy Model (SBEM). Buildings scoring a 'G' on the scale are the least energy-efficient, while an 'A+' signifies a zero-carbon rating. The average grade is a 'D'.

Monument Info Search, who prepared the EPC, are Staffordshire's only accredited commercial energy assessor and are registered Low Carbon Consultants and Low Carbon Energy Assessors through the Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers



Anthony Douglas hands over the EPC to Waterworld Chairman Mo Chaudry



(CIBSE). Managing Director, Anthony Douglas, who carried out the inspection, said he was glad to undertake the job. Mr Chaudry has also asked for Monument to produce a Display Energy Certificate (DEC) for Waterworld, on Stoke-on-Trent's Festival Park. The DEC is only to be a mandatory requirement for public buildings over 1000 square metres, but Mr Chaudry feels that gaining one can only benefit his business- and Anthony Douglas agrees. Mr Douglas said:

"I have a lot of respect for Mr Chaudry and I'm very glad that he chose to bring his business to me.

"And I'm pleased to say that the energy performance of Waterworld is above what even I expected.

"I think that Mr Chaudry is very wise to have volunteered for the DEC.

"Although it's not mandatory, having the certificate on display is sure to put the minds of those who use the park at rest- knowing that Waterworld is an environmentally responsible organisation."

He added: "There is no doubt about it: the way we look at energy is changing our homes, our businesses and the way we live our lives"

And Chaudry, local entrepreneur, motivational speaker and recent guest star of Channel Four's Secret Millionaire, is not one to bury his head in the sand when it comes to the environment. He said:

"I am very conscious of the effect we are having on the planet; I think that most people are now.

"But as a businessman, obviously it is important to plan for the future, and at the moment the future is green.

"In a few years' time the government will make it very difficult to run any company that is not energy efficient.

"Of course, everyone's goal is to be 'zero-carbon'- but for a building like Waterworld, achieving this is going to be hard. The price of achieving energy efficiency is high, but we need to focus on the long term benefits.

"I intend to do everything I can to make Waterworld reach the highest level of energy efficiency.

"However, I now have another sixty properties, belonging to my other business, to consider."

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Notes to Editor:

Waterworld

- Waterworld is the largest and most visited waterpark in the UK.
- It is the largest attraction in Stoke-on-trent and amongst the 5 largest attractions in the Midlands.
- The park has received 6.5 Million visitors to date. Last year, visitors to the site exceeded half a million.
- Chairman, Mo Choudry, ranks among the top 100 businessmen in the Midlands (SundayTimes, Midlands Insider Rich List Dec07) and recently appeared on the Channel Four documentary, Secret Millionaire.

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- Monument provide: Commercial and Residential EPCs Display Energy Certificates
Part L Calculations (for new builds) Home Information Packs
Property, drainage and environmental Searches
- Managing Director, Anthony Douglas' early progress as a Home Inspector was charted in Staffordshire newspaper, *The Sunday Sentinel* in 2007.

The EPC

- A commercial EPC will be required from 1 July for all commercial properties built, sold or rented above 2,500m²
- By October this year all buildings, whenever they are built, sold or rented out, will require an EPC.
- Also in October, all public buildings over 1,000m² will require Display Energy Certificates.

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