

CASE STUDIES FROM OUR INVESTMENTS

INTU PROPERTIES



FOOD WASTE REDUCTION

With more people visiting intu centres every Saturday than go to Premier League matches, what intu does with food waste is high on its priority list. intu has a number of food waste projects including dewatering machines at intu Metrocentre and intu Potteries, which separate water from food waste to reduce the amount of food sent to anaerobic digestion. intu is also piloting a BidWhale system, which collects waste for recycling into renewable energy in the form of biogas and organic fertiliser.



PACKAGING

The other major area of waste intu looks at is packaging. At intu Uxbridge, a new pilot is diverting more general waste to an offsite facility to better utilise their onsite resources, and at intu Metrocentre an onsite materials recycling facility for plastics and cardboard has opened that gives intu a higher value rebate and reduces the amount going to general waste, the most expensive type to dispose of.



ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

Solar panels installed at intu Chapelfield are expected to meet 10% of the centre's annual energy needs. The panels will pay for themselves in nine years, giving intu up to 21 years of cost-free and carbon-free energy.