

### INDEPENDENT LIMITED ASSURANCE STATEMENT

### TO: The Stakeholders of Peel Holdings (Land and Property)

#### **Scope and Objectives**

WSP was engaged by Peel Holdings (Land and Property) (Peel L&P) to provide limited assurance in respect of the Net Zero Carbon performance claims for a number of properties. This statement is limited to the assurance over the accuracy of the data and the location listed below:

#### **Quay West**

The Quays, Media City UK, M17 1PL

Scope: Whole Building

We planned and performed our work in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 revised, Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information (effective for assurance reports dated on or after 15 December).

Our work includes specified data for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

#### **Limitations and Exclusions**

Excluded from the scope of work is any verification of information relating to activities outside the defined reporting period and scope. This limited assurance engagement relies on a risk-based sample of the data and the associated limitations that this entails. This independent statement should not be relied upon to detect all errors, omissions or misstatements that may exist.

#### Responsibilities

The preparation and presentation of the net zero carbon information is the sole responsibility of the management of Peel L&P. WSP was not involved in the drafting of the report. Our responsibilities were to:

- Obtain limited assurance about whether the information has been appropriately and accurately prepared;
- Form an independent conclusion based on the assurance procedures performed and evidence obtained; and
- Report our conclusions to Peel L&P.

#### **Summary of Work Performed**

As part of the independent verification, WSP undertook:

- Interviews with relevant personnel of Peel L&P and their consultants responsible for carbon emissions accounting data;
- A review of the full-year building energy data (1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019), calculations used, aggregations and emissions factors applied;
- Assessed the robustness of the data management systems in place and internal audit checks;
- A check of the GHG calculations against UKGBC guidance;



- A review of the carbon offsetting schemes selected and telephone interview with the carbon offsetting scheme administrators.

#### **Conclusion**

On the basis of the work conducted nothing came to our attention to suggest that the net zero carbon performance stated in the Operational Net Zero Carbon report for **Quay West**:

- Is not prepared in accordance with Peel L&P's internal methodologies; and
- Is not materially correct and a fair representation of the net zero carbon assertion.

It is recommended that future Net-Zero Carbon reporting includes the previous year figures to indicate the energy saved through the opportunities that have been implemented and to provide year on year comparison.

#### **Statement of Independence, Integrity and Competence**

WSP is an independent professional services company. Our assurance team has the appropriate experience and competency in conducting verification over environmental, social, ethical and health and safety information, systems and processes.

WSP has a Quality Management System (QMS) which is certified to BS ISO 9001:2015 under which all our work is managed. WSP has also implemented a Code of Conduct which commits all our staff to abide by ethical principles in our business dealings with clients, shareholders, employees and suppliers. The code provides guidance and a framework for our actions and behaviours with respect to our corporate obligations as well as our business activities.

Rachel Jones

**Technical Director** 

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Manchester, December 2019



# **Quay West**

## Operational Energy Net Zero Carbon Report



Dates	01/04/2018 to 31/03/2019
Verified By	WSP
Bulding Location	The Quays, MediaCityUK, M17 1PL
Building Type	Prestige Offices, Class B1
Building Description	A striking bronze office building at
	the waterside in MediaCityUK
Energy Scope	Whole Building
Assessed Net Lettable Area (m², equivalent to 74,475 sq ft )	6,919
% of Total Building Net Lettable Area	100%
Emission Factors	UK 2018, Location Based
Data Sources	Verified CRC energy consumption data

Energy	kWh	kWh/m <sup>2</sup>
Total annual energy consumption	1,384,888	200
Total annual electricity consumption	1,135,304	164
Total annual fuel consumption	249,584	36
Total annual renewable electricity generation	0	-

Carbon		tCO <sub>2</sub> e	kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>2</sup>
Total annual indirect CO <sub>2</sub> e from imported electricity		321	46
Total annual direct CO <sub>2</sub> e from on-site fuel combustion gas		46	7
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Total annual indirect CO <sub>2</sub> e from fuel combustion (e.g.heat networks)		0	0
Total annual displaced CO <sub>2</sub> e from electricity generated on site		0	0
CO₂e savings achieved in report year from efficiency investments		-	0
Total annual displaced CO <sub>2</sub> e from offsets		367	53
Total annual net CO₂e emissions		0	

### Offsets

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Amount and type of offsets and framework used	367 tCO₂e offsets purchased from
	Carbon Footprint Ltd for UK Tree
	Planting (NW) + Protecting the
	Amazon
Expected verification processes	The Verified Carbon Standard (VCS)
Cost per tonne CO <sub>2</sub> e	£ 9.25

Efficiency investments made in report year	Costs	Annual Saving
Investments in efficiency projects	£ -	£ -