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Greener practices in hospitality are ways through which environmental impact is reduced, and sustainability enhanced. Most greener practices often focus on the conservation of resources, efficient energy use, reduction of waste, and renewable energy sources. Including such initiatives enhances operational efficiency for hotels, reduces their carbon footprint, and satisfies consumer demands for more environmentally responsible practices (Gössling, 2019). As sustainable tourism is essential, the hospitality industry becomes increasingly strained to ensure green operations and ensure business models are in line with global efforts that align with environmental protection (Globe, 2025). The Chester Grosvenor Hotel, a quality five-star located in the heart of Chester's city center, is a sustainable hotel. It uses various green practices, such as low-consumption lighting, effective waste management, and buying local food to minimise its impact on the environment (The Chester Grosvenor, 2020). There are areas that can be improved. The hotel could expand its sustainability through the installation of advanced renewable energy systems, for example, solar power or wind energy, and improving waste management to more technologically advanced recycling and composting facilities. This paper will identify some of these areas and outline a green initiative that is consistent with the hotel's current sustainability efforts, to benefit the business as well as the environment.

The Chester Grosvenor Hotel has achieved impressive progress in terms of sustainability, embracing practices that decrease its impact on the environment. These include deforestation, destruction of forests can have a negative impact on the environment and the low-energy heating systems to reduce electricity usage by a substantial amount. On the other hand, waste reduction strategies are emphasised; comprehensive recycling is practiced, while food waste is minimised by ordering locally. By choosing local suppliers, the hotel not only supports the community but also reduces its carbon footprint by cutting down on transportation emissions (Chester Grosvenor, 2020). The Chester Grosvenor also strives to increase efficiency in its operations by minimising single-use plastics and encouraging sustainable activities in its housekeeping and dining services. This saves resources and ensures that the hotel is enhancing its environmental performance (Chester Grosvenor, 2020). However,

even though these measures are laudable, the hotel still has areas where it can improve sustainability.

The other significant area where the hotel has a gap in its sustainability practice is through the integration of renewable energy sources. The hotel has reduced its consumption of energy, but still relies on conventional sources of energy that lead to carbon emissions (Cooper, 2021). The Chester Grosvenor would be able to reduce its dependence on non-renewable energy and consequently lower its total carbon footprint through the implementation of renewable energy solutions like solar panels or wind energy. Renewable energy is now increasingly critical for hotels around the world in their pursuit of sustainability to meet the environmental targets and improve their green standing (Wto.org, 2024). The recycling systems at the hotel need to be enhanced. Although reducing waste is at the top of the agenda, the recycling facilities at The Chester Grosvenor are not so developed. Introducing composting for food waste will help decrease the amount that ends up in landfills and generate useful compost for the hotel's landscaping. Also, its segregation system of waste should be developed further to allow efficient recycling of organic materials and non-recyclable items supporting a circular economy model (UNEP, 2020). While a lot has been done toward sustainability at The Chester Grosvenor, more could be added with renewable energy and sustainable practices in waste management. All these would see the hotel align with global sustainability goals and place it better in hospitality practices with minimal harm to the environment.

The Chester Grosvenor Hotel has continued to grow with sustainability; however, it has an opportunity to be more ambitious by incorporating renewable sources of energy and refining recycling methods (Korstanje et al., 2021). This would ensure the hotel reduced carbon footprint and reduce operational costs as well as make it sustainable. The renewable energy plan of the hotel should be solar panelling in their roof. With advancements in the science of producing more efficient energy for hotels with much energy usage (Gössling et al., 2021). The hotel is able to get away with lower reliance on national grid while on electricity with less cost by putting up wind farms if the site favors it. Small wind turbines might add to clean energy production, reducing dependence on non-renewable sources (Williams et al., 2023).

The Chester Grosvenor could adopt waste-to-energy technologies and composting for its food waste besides renewable energy. Landfill contributions from this hotel would significantly reduce because composting would help in giving organic matters to add to the landscaping, and non-recyclable waste, if brought into a working waste-to-energy system, could be converted into usable energy and thus contribute to sustainability (UNEP, 2020). The idea is well adapted in several hotels. Crowne Plaza in London has included solar panels whereby energy consumption was reduced, minimising the operating expenditure while increasing sustainability (Crowne Plaza London, 2022). Hilton Worldwide has implemented waste-to-energy systems where at various properties it transforms its wastes to usable energy and reduces landfill use and instead produces clean energy for hotels' operations (Hilton Worldwide, 2023). In addition, North American hotels have implemented composting systems that assist in controlling their food waste and contributing to community farming activities (Alonso and Ogle, 2021). Renewable energy sources and sophisticated recycling systems would be highly beneficial. By installing solar panels and wind turbines, the energy cost would reduce as it minimises dependency on the national grid to ensure long-term saving, which can be reinvested to further enhance sustainability initiatives within the hotel (Gössling et al., 2021). Moreover, the hotel could implement sophisticated recycling systems that include composting and waste-to-energy technologies. These will help the hotel reduce landfill waste and generate renewable energy (UNEP, 2020).

These would bring about a high reputation for the Chester Grosvenor being an eco-friendly hotel, especially appealing to a large number of the environment-conscious visitor. With time, sustainability continues to be considered by guests when picking accommodations, placing the hotel ahead of the line in sustainable hospitality practices, where new clients can be attracted while creating long-lasting loyalty (Jones et al., 2022). With renewable energy strategy by fitting solar panels and wind energy in addition to modern recycling systems, The Chester Grosvenor will really be sustainable. Other hotels would have experienced a reduction in their energy bills as well as an environmental footprint that would also add to the good reputation of being an eco-friendly destination.

Some of the challenges facing The Chester Grosvenor while implementing a complete green initiative are incorporating renewable energy systems and advanced recycling practices. First, one of the major financial constraints is the upfront investment

required to install solar panels, wind turbines, and sophisticated waste management systems. The installation and acquisition of renewable energy systems can be quite expensive, especially for high-end hotels whose buildings are very large and their energy demands significant (Gössling et al., 2021). Furthermore, the technical issues in the installation process, including integrating solar panels and wind turbines with the hotel's infrastructure, could demand special technical knowledge, increasing costs further (Williams et al., 2023). In addition, space may be a limiting factor, especially for hotels in dense urban areas. The installation of solar panels on the roof may be possible, but wind turbines require much space and a good environment, which may not be available at all locations (Jones et al., 2022). Lastly, integrating these systems into daily operations requires much effort, such as training the staff and maintenance. These technical and logistical issues can delay the process and add surprise costs that can discourage the management of the hotels from agreeing to the project (Gössling, 2019).

While the initial cost for the adoption of renewable energy systems and highly efficient, recycling processes in The Chester Grosvenor is very expensive, the savings over the long run might make it economically viable. According to Gössling et al. (2021), hotels that invested in solar and wind energy managed to cut down their energy expenses by large percentages over the years. As one of the largest operational expenses for hotels, switching to renewable sources can help hotels save much, especially since energy prices keep going up (Gössling et al., 2021). Advanced recycling and waste-to-energy technologies can reduce the cost of waste disposal while creating value through energy from waste (UNEP, 2020). Over time, these technologies may pay off their installation costs, making the green initiative cheaper. The hotel could also promote its sustainability practices, thus attracting an eco-tourism-conscious client, which could lead to improved occupancy rates and customer loyalty, hence translating into increased revenue (Jones et al., 2022). In terms of feasibility, the Chester Grosvenor should review its present infrastructure and budget to know what can be implemented and at what stage of gradual implementation. The integration with the government incentives or grants that pertain to sustainability would ease the burden on the front and make it easier to implement the intervention as discussed in Williams et al. (2023).

The green initiative suggested for The Chester Grosvenor would hugely add to the environment, and it will add toward the sustainability of the hotel and the community as a whole. Renewable energy systems, including putting up solar panels and wind energy, would contribute much in bringing down the reliance of the hotel on traditional sources of energy and its carbon footprint (Koh and Lee, 2020). This will align with the rest of the world's aim of reducing the level of emission of greenhouse gases and slowing down the rate of climate change (Sundararajan, 2019). Chester Grosvenor will be less energy-reliant facility once the solar panels and wind turbines have been put since it will not rely on fossil fuels, which are destructive to the environment again (Yusof et al., 2022). Furthermore, additional advanced recycling technologies, such as waste-to-energy technologies and composting, would help reduce the percentages of waste directed to landfills. Food waste composting would produce organic materials for local agriculture practice, enriching soil quality, as well as minimising methane emissions in landfills (Bakar et al., 2021). Waste to energy systems would transform non-recyclable waste into electricity or heat, contributing to a more circular economy and reducing the overall impact on the environment (Hussain et al., 2023). These measures, with local sourcing and reducing transportation emissions, would help The Chester Grosvenor in its efforts, but it would also be doing its part in the community, aligning it with global sustainability goals.

In conclusion, The Chester Grosvenor Hotel has taken steps forward in practicing sustainability; yet there is ample scope for betterment, and particularly on integrating renewable energy into their operations, besides upgrading their recycling system. Gap reliance on nonrenewable sources of energy and less advanced recycling process - it offers scope to reduce more from the current footprint of environmental and improve upon sustainability performance for this hotel. The planned projects, such as a solar power panel, wind energy system, and modern recycling approaches such as composting and waste-to-energy technology, will provide substantial advantages. By means of these actions, the hotel could minimise its carbon footprint, reduce energy use costs, and conserve the available resources more efficiently. Furthermore, this would play a crucial role in the sustainable tourism aspect as it enhances The Chester Grosvenor's stature as an eco-friendly hotel. Adopting these green practices will not only help fill the increasing demand from the hospitality sector for sustainability but also make The Chester Grosvenor's brand a show-casing model of environmental

stewardship. Closing the sustainability gap will help The Chester Grosvenor stay within a competitive and responsible paradigm in today's environmentally-conscious market. These green initiatives will, in addition to further reducing the environmental impact of the hotel, be well-suited as an expression of commitment towards sustainability and operational excellence.

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