



**Customer**

The Co-Operative

**Industry**

Wholesale & Retail

**Employees**

more than 70,000

**Location**

Manchester, Great Britain

**Type**

British consumer co-operative with a diverse family of retail businesses

**Website**

[www.co-operative.coop](http://www.co-operative.coop)

## MODERN & SUSTAINABLE: THE CO-OPERATIVE CHOOSES BRITA VIVREAU TO EQUIP THEIR NEW HEADQUARTER

### OVERVIEW

Located in the heart of Manchester, 1 Angel Square is the new low energy, highly sustainable headquarters of The Co-operative Group, home to more than 3,000 employees working across the retailing and financial services business.

The building has been designed to deliver a 50% reduction in energy consumption compared to The Co-operative's previous Manchester complex and an 80% reduction in carbon. This will lead to a reduction in operating costs of up to 30%. It is no surprise then that the now completed building has been awarded the highest ever BREEAM certification, and is now viewed as one of the most outstanding environmentally friendly buildings in Great Britain.

With this highly sustainable building, the supply of drinking water has to meet the sustainability criteria as well.

### BENEFITS



**Individual choice**

Different types of water from one source



**Environmentally friendly**

Less wastage and less transportation emissions



**Versatility**

Different areas of application in one office building



**Work environment**

Cleaner and safer office

“Once we discovered that the BRITA VIVREAU ViTap could provide chilled still and sparkling as well as boiling water from the same font, the benefits became clear.”

Ben Downer |

Facilities Asset Supplier Relationship Manager at The Co-operative Group







## THE RESULTS

So impressed were The Co-operative that the BRITA VIVREAU ViTaps have now found their way into other areas, as Ben continues: „The BRITA VIVREAU ViTaps have been placed throughout the building, not only at the small kitchen units on each floor, but also within the cafeteria, staff welfare area and the restaurant. Within the Kitchens they have helped to improve traffic flow, by removing the problems previously associated with waiting for the kettle to boil, and in general means a much cleaner and safer working environment.“

## THE SOLUTION

Nab Speakes of 3DReid Architects explains the other crucial elements with the architecture: „With such an environmentally focussed brief, we also had to look at the supply of drinking water. We had ruled out traditional water coolers because of the carbon footprint, regular deliveries, associated wastage and collection headaches, but with 3 kitchens on each of the 14 floors, we also had to evaluate the issues with individually fed drinking points. With the BRITA VIVREAU LinkLine networking system we have found a solution that helped us overcome any issues created by the unusual shape of the building. We are now using 33 BRITA VIVREAU ViTaps and 3 BRITA VIVREAU Bottlers throughout the building.



“The BRITA VIVREAU equipment has been accepted very well by both the staff and caterers, and means that we always have both boiling and chilled water on tap whenever it is required.”

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