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What is your message regarding? Non-bottled water for those working in, living in or visiting London

Your message

I have been watching with growing alarm the news that a container full of plastic is tipped into our oceans every minute.

I have often wandered through central London, in fact I am a long distance runner and often run through several boroughs, and am dismayed at the lack of water fountains. So when I heard that you hoped to install water fountains in parks and public places I was delighted.

I read with disdain the arguments against installing water fountains due to the potential impact this may have on retailers, particularly in central London and that Boris Johnson had tried and failed with a similar initiative.

I have an idea that can satisfy both the problem of reducing plastic bottles whilst maintaining revenues for small retailers which may also simultaneously increasing wireless coverage in the capital. I have encapsulate the idea below.

Small retailers/sandwich shops and even parks will apply for a Mayor of London water fountain. The space required will be smaller than a typical shop fridge that holds cooled drinks in plastic bottles.

The fountains are connected either wirelessly or through a fibre link. They may be connected to the electricity grid or battery powered. These fountains dispense water in units of 250/500 ml into the customer's own container. The customer pays via a smart phone or contactless card this will reduce load on the shop's servers; people who just want a drink help themselves.

I anticipate the retail cost and margins could be the same as the price of a similar sized plastic water bottle or less depending on the partners and their willingness to solve this problem.

Please feel free to attach supporting information with your enquiry

Further supporting information

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