

Janet Finch-Saunders AM Committee Chair Petitions Committee National Assembly for Wales Cardiff Bay CF99 1NA

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Dear Committee Chair,

Thank you for your letter to our Chief Executive Dave Lewis regarding Petition p-05-878. Mr Lewis has asked that I should respond to you on his behalf.

Tesco is committed to reducing the carbon produced by our store operations and is the only UK grocery retailer to set ambitious science-based targets to become a zero-carbon business by 2050 (in line with the Paris Climate Agreement). Since 2015/16 we have reduced our greenhouse gas emissions by more than a quarter, and now source all of the electricity for our UK stores from renewable sources.

We are continually looking at ways to improve the efficiency of our refrigeration systems and are currently fitting Aerofoil Shelf Edge Technology throughout our stores, a move which will reduce energy consumption by around 15%.

I hope this information is useful to the committee and its work, but should you have any further queries then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,