



Greening the White Van

The sustainable distribution impact of the growth in internet shopping and home delivery





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IMRG members comprise hundreds of enterprises operating throughout the industry: retailers, who sell products and services direct, and suppliers that provide solutions and services to those retailers. Having served this rapidly-changing market since 1990, our experience helps members stay informed on commercial, legal and best practice issues, keep up to date with analysis of developments in the sector, and maximise the business opportunities within it.

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VeriSign - How to Offer the Strongest SSL Encryption	White Papers	29/11/2006
A Guide to Affiliate Marketing - Commission Junction	White Papers	31/10/2006

Latest Retail News

IMRG's team of researchers are continuously searching for the latest news stories and reports relating to developments in e-

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- Buyagift
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- dabs.com
- TUI UK



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Coverage

- History and growth of home shopping
 - Future growth
 - Sustainability impact of rise in home delivery
 - Online vs conventional retailing- which is greener?
 - Research summary
 - What positive actions are being taken now?
 - Where are the untapped opportunities?
 - Summary
- + *What do you think? / What are you doing?*

green audit

carbon footprint

carbon-neutral

Chelsea tractor

Home delivery is nothing new

**Local
Food delivery
(always)**

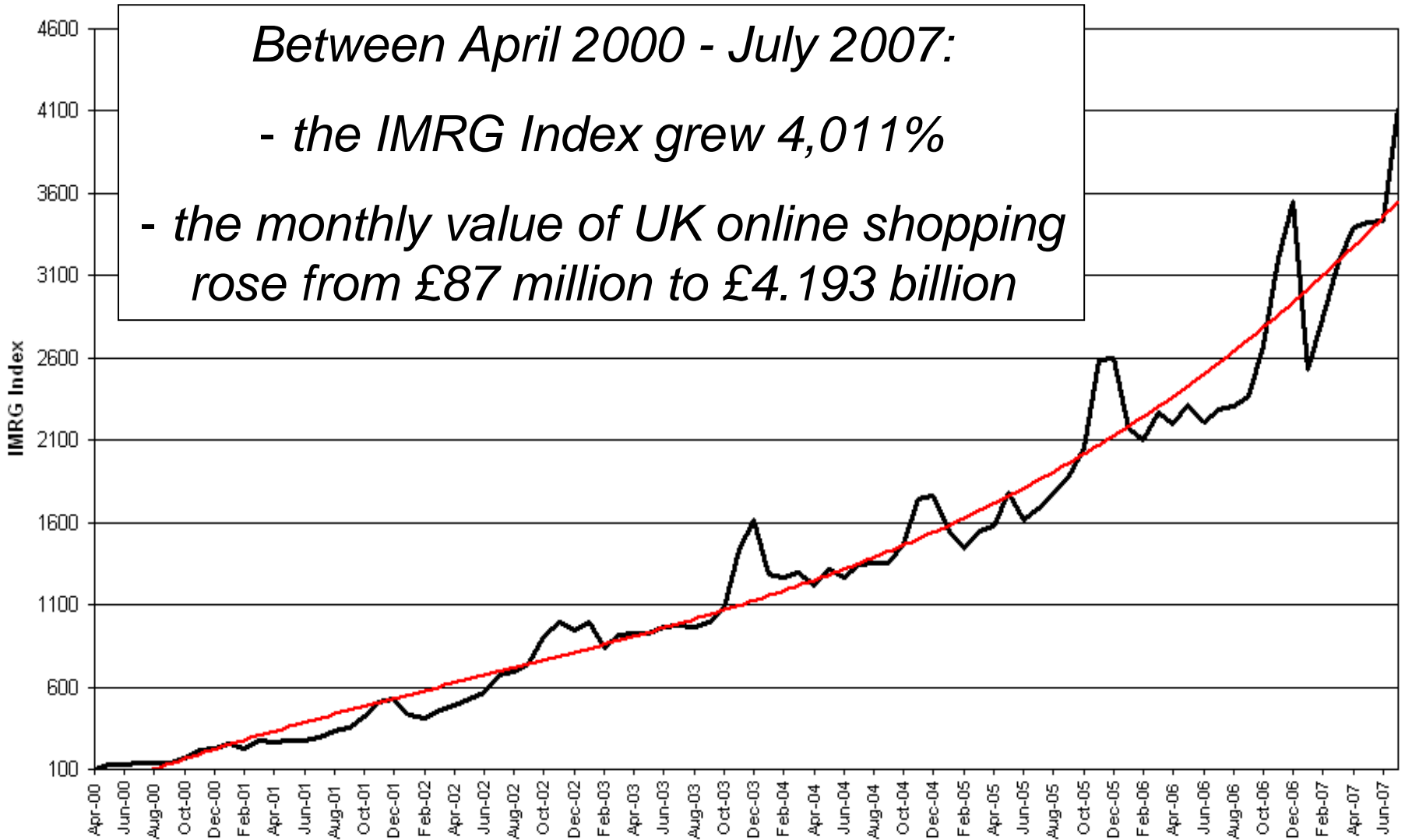
**Catalogue
shopping
(19thC)**

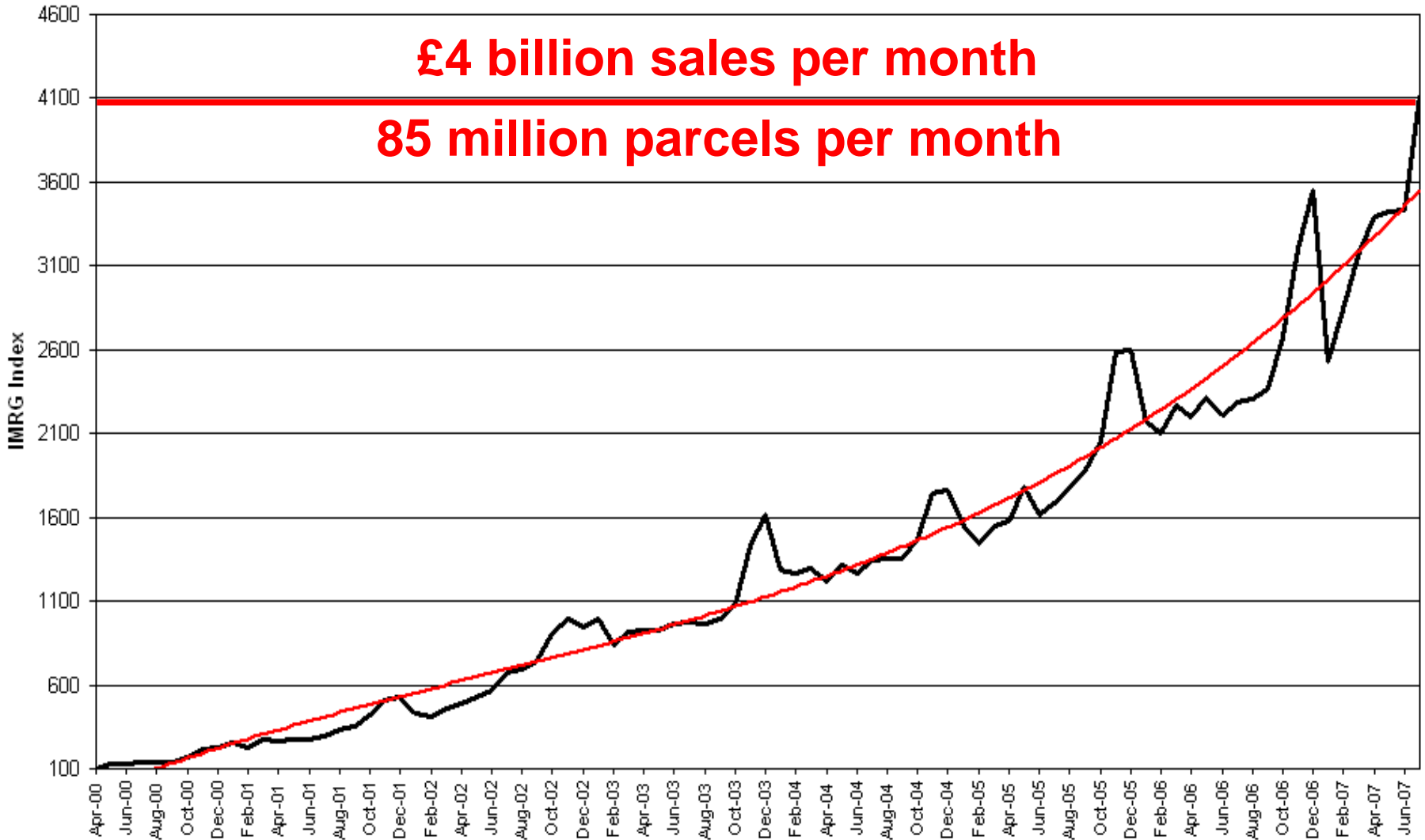
**TV
Shopping
(1980s)**

**Internet
1994**

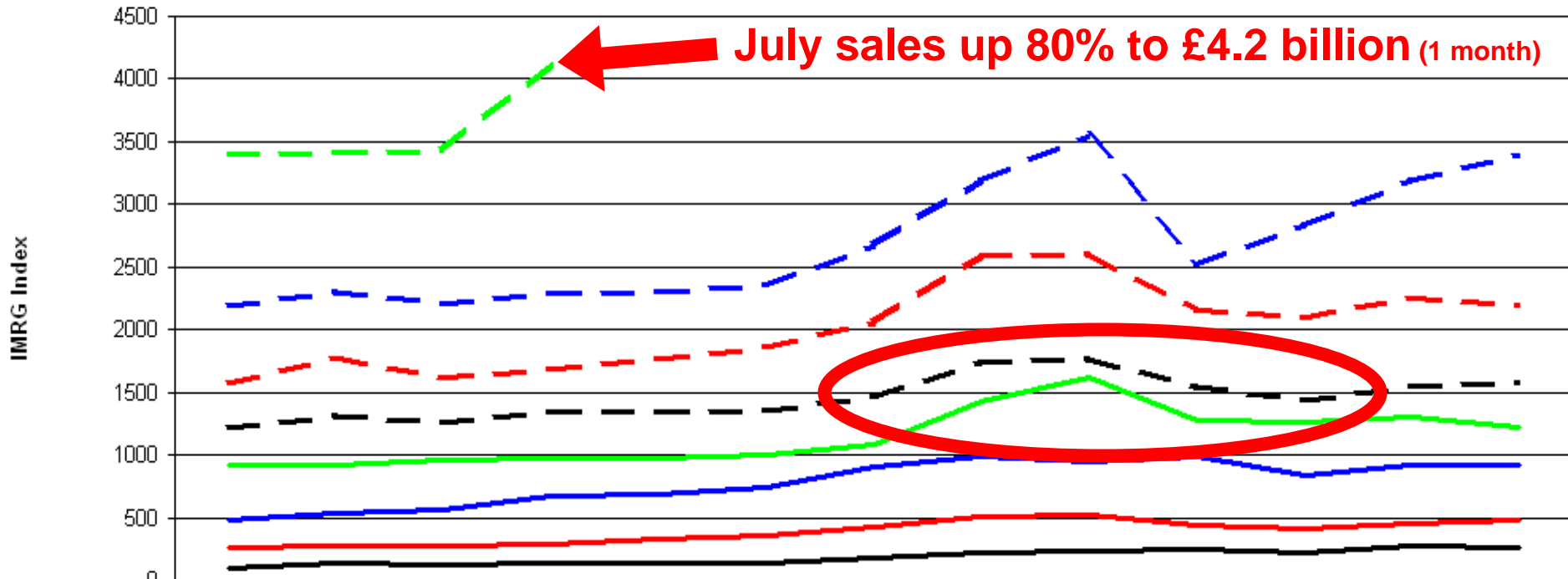
Some numbers around online home delivery

IMRG Index for UK e-Retail Market





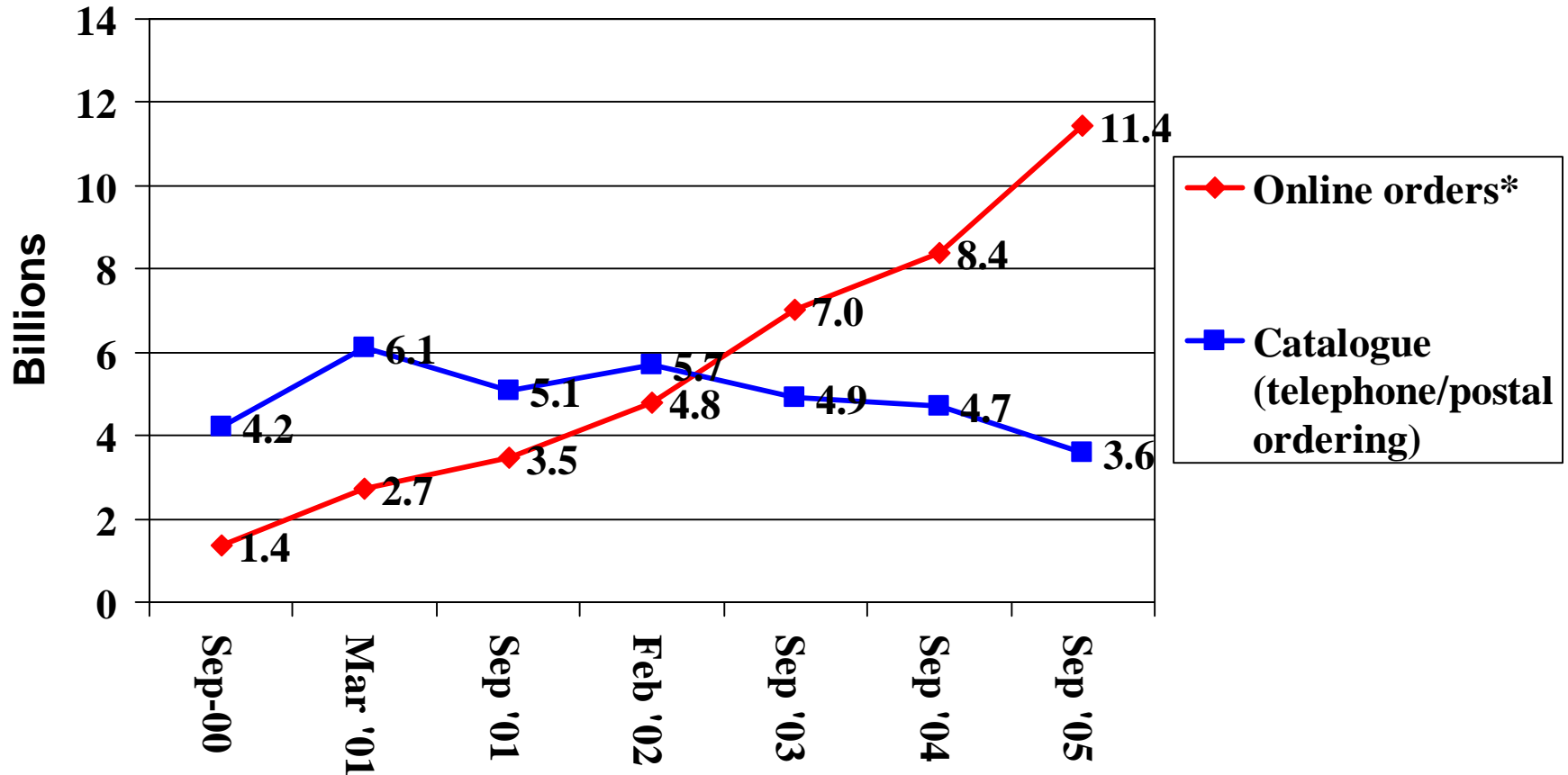
IMRG Index - Year-On-Year Comparison



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Market value by purchase channel

... online continues to outstrip catalogue at point of purchase



The numbers projected forwards

- Some 860 million orders will be delivered in the UK in 2007, as a result of online/catalogue shopping
- This volume is set to double/treble within the next few years

What is fuelling this home shopping growth?

New age of
consumer

Choice –
Product offering

Meeting
the promise

All underpinned by growth in broadband

Looked at another way

A store in every
postcode every day

Any time,
any place,
any how



The delivery challenge is around

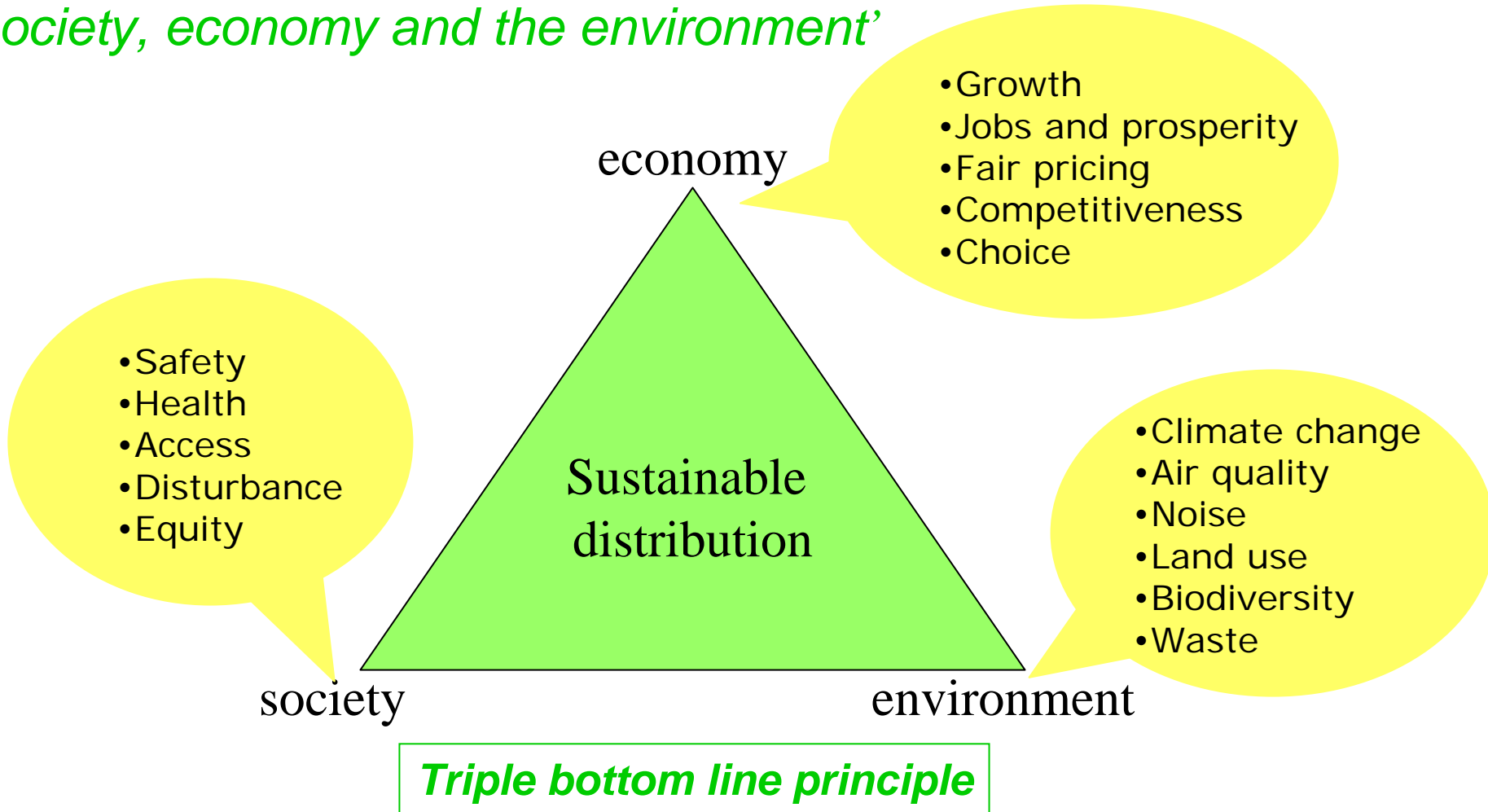
- Service
- Convenience
- Experience
- Cost



**So what is the sustainable
distribution impact of the
growth in internet
shopping and home
delivery?**

Sustainable Development

‘Ensure development does not compromise the future needs of society, economy and the environment’



15 for 1 offer

Each Ocado van takes up to 15 cars off the road.

Every time you see one of our vans, think of it as 15 people not going to the supermarket. So that's 15 cars parked up at home, rather than pumping out nasties into the atmosphere. And all of our vans run on environmentally friendly biodiesel. If that's not green enough, we can also tell you when we're delivering to someone in your neighbourhood, so if you want to you can choose a 'green van' time slot, which helps make our journey even shorter. We also deliver directly from a purpose-built fulfilment centre, rather than from a supermarket. If everyone shopped this way we would eliminate the carbon emissions from traditional stores, remove heavy goods vehicles from urban areas and free up precious land.



Our customers trust us to do their shopping every bit as carefully as they do themselves. We carefully pick Waitrose groceries, we pack them properly and we drop them off in your kitchen. Maybe that's why we have been voted Online Retailer of the Year by The Grocer. So if you haven't tried us yet, why don't you give us a go this week and we'll give you 15% off your first order.* Just use **YOU4555229** at checkout.

Isn't it time you demanded more?

Ocado – Online Retailer of the Year 2007.



The Ocado claim of Reductions in Traffic Levels– true or false?

- [Ocado video](#)

Are vans displacing large amounts of shopping-related car travel?
Or are other trips substituted?

Why do we need to compare the carbon footprints?

- Claims and counter-claims about relative environmental impacts
- Major retailers have launched environmental initiatives

The Tesco logo consists of the word "TESCO" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Below the letters "E", "S", and "O" are three horizontal blue diagonal stripes.The logo for "YOUR M&S" features the word "YOUR" in a thin, grey, sans-serif font, positioned vertically to the left of the letters "M&S". The "M" and "S" are in a grey sans-serif font, while the ampersand "&" is in a light green color.The Asda logo features the word "ASDA" in a bold, green, sans-serif font. Below it, in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font, is the text "part of the WAL*MART family".

- Increased consumer interest in climate change and carbon
- Drive to introduce carbon labelling of products:
 - *different labels for online and shop-based sales?*
- Carbon auditing of distribution channels is a pre-requisite for emissions reporting
 - *at corporate (and consumer?) levels*

The debate – is home delivery supply chain more or less green than high street/out-of-town?

Green Logistics is a four year [EPSRC](#)-funded research project into the sustainability of logistics systems and supply chain.



Green Logistics: topics being investigated

Forecasting business as usual trends

Calibration of vehicle routing packages with vehicle telematics data

Optimising reverse logistics at local level

Adapting supply chain tools to minimise environmental impact

Development of carbon auditing methodology for supply chains

Impact of online freight procurement on vehicle utilisation

Econometric modelling of freight modal shift

Cost – benefit analysis of delivery rescheduling to off-peak periods

Comparison of the carbon footprints of online and conventional retail supply chains



Scope of the Research Project

Activities:

- Freight transport (lorries and vans)
- Personal transport between home and shop (car and public transport)
- Warehousing
- Conventional retail operation
- Product return

Links in the supply chain

5 Products Groups

Groceries
Books
Clothing
Small electrical appliances
Large electrical appliances

5 Distribution Options

conventional

online

Purchase in shop
Transport to home

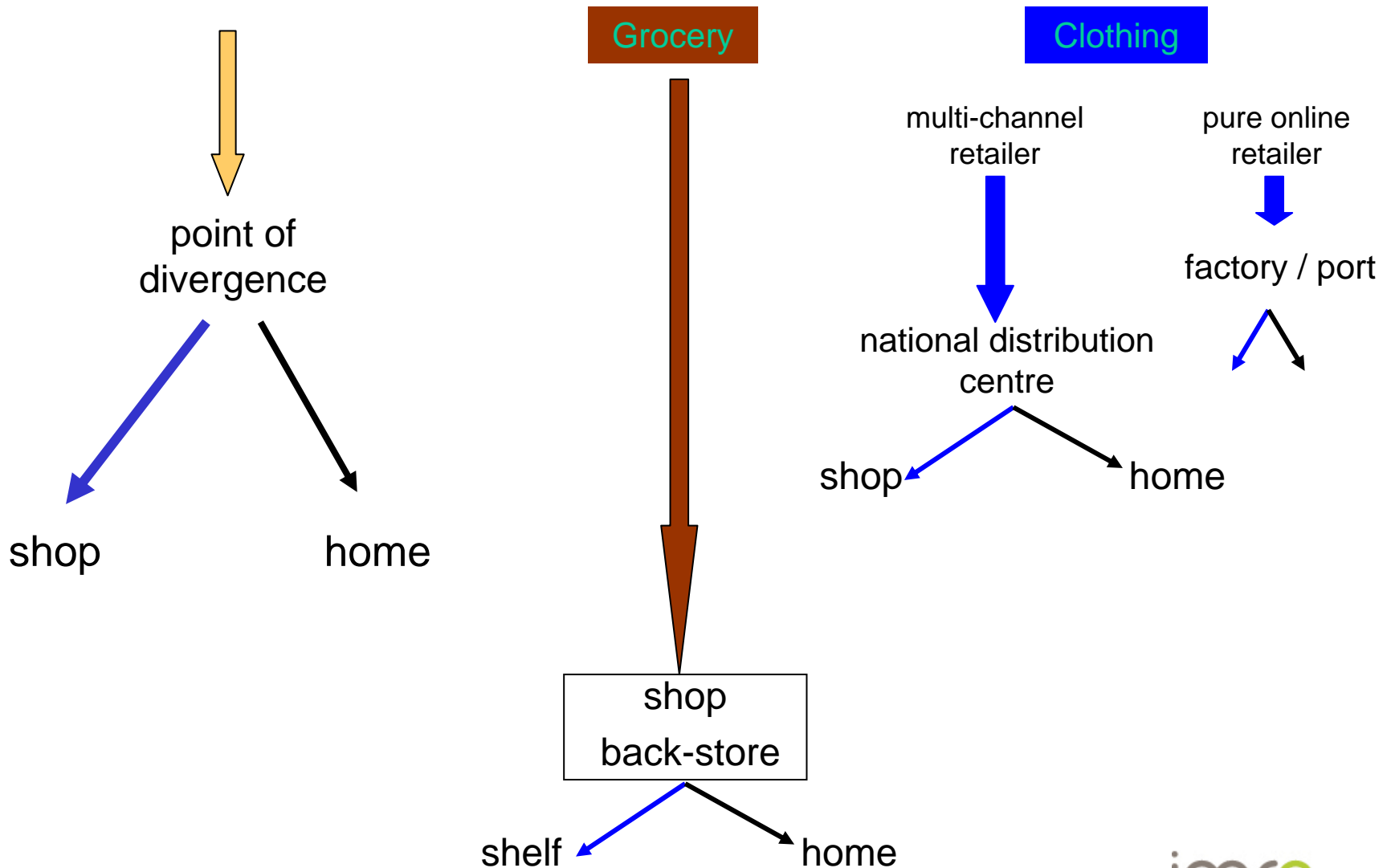
Purchase in shop
Home delivery

Purchase online
Home delivery

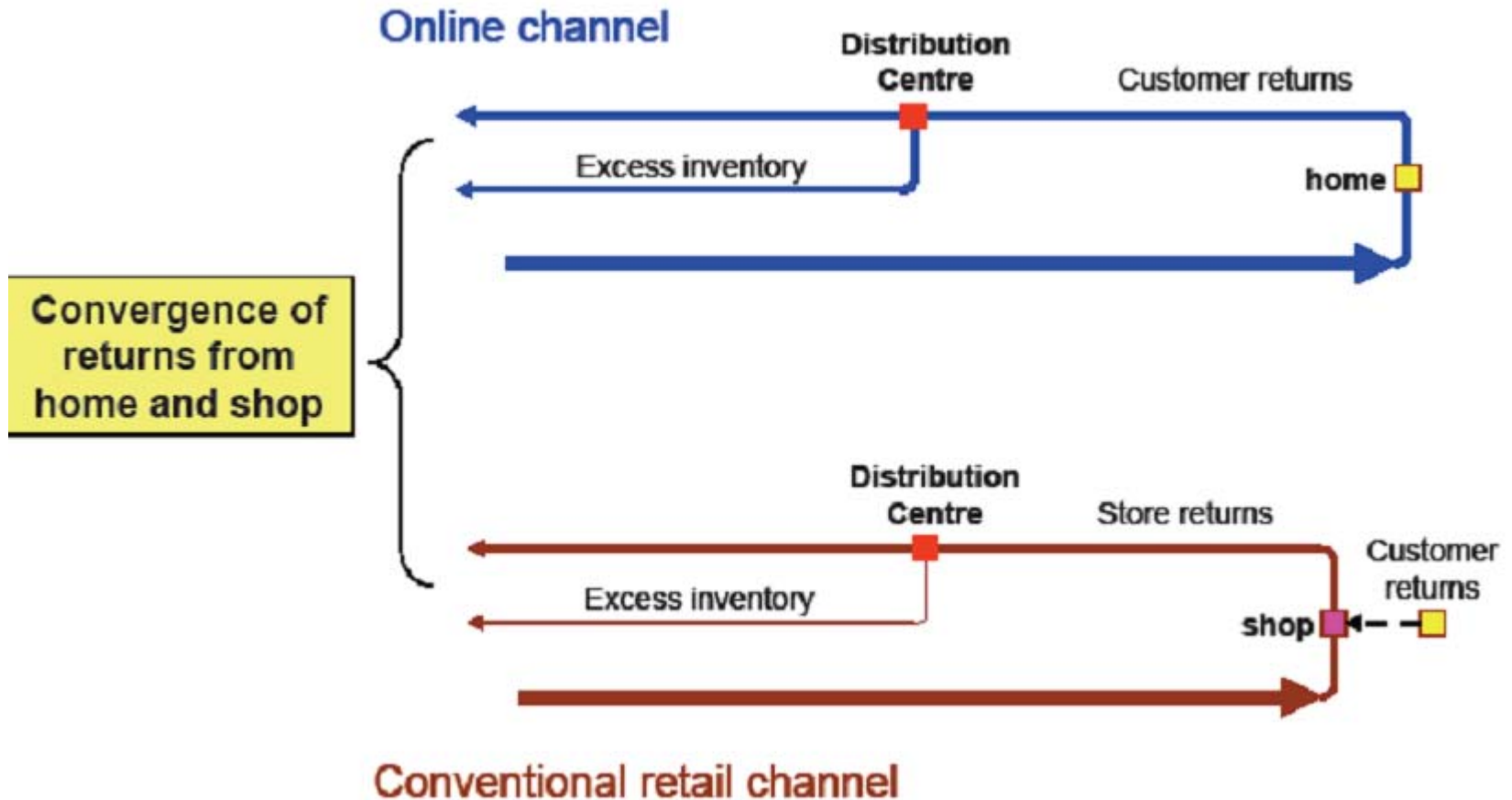
Purchase online
Collection from shop

Purchase online
Collect from other location

The Supply Chain Links

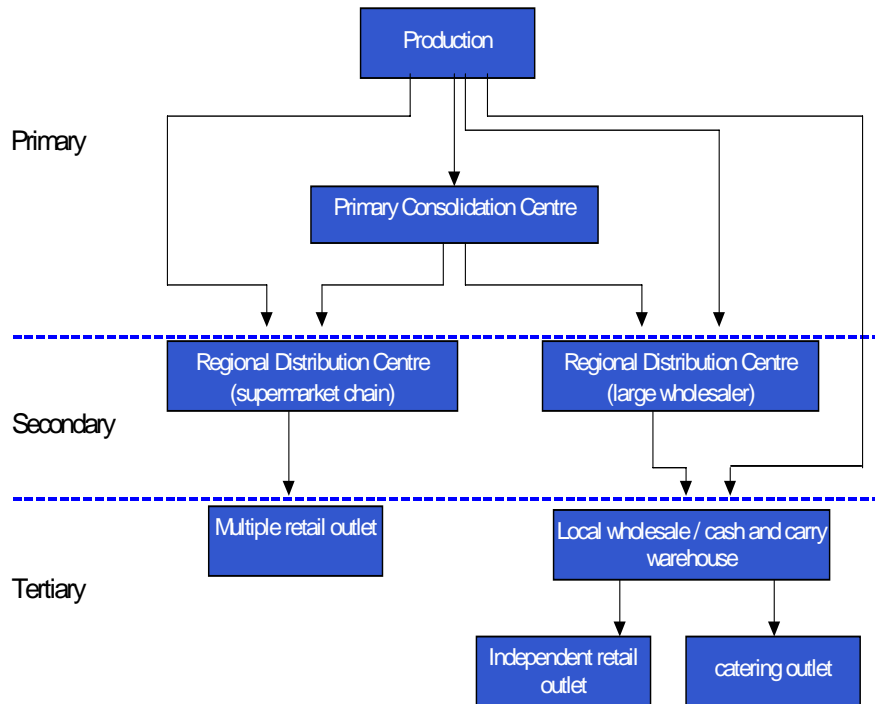


Return Flow of Product

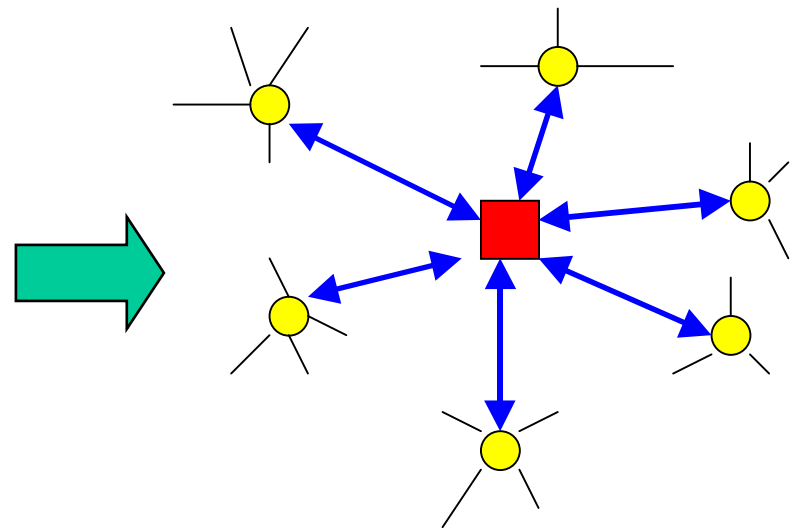


Different Channel Structures for Conventional and Online Retailing

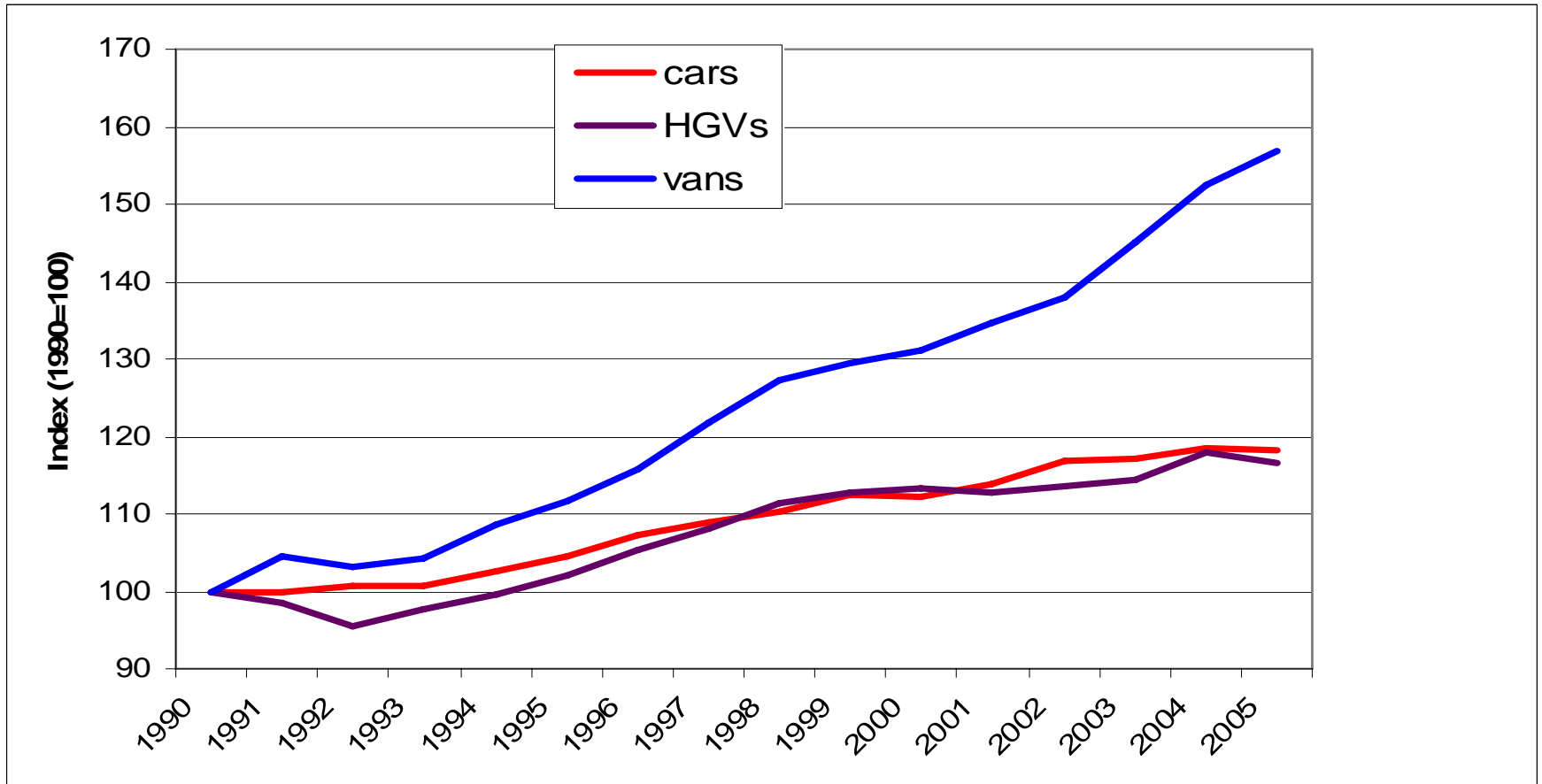
conventional retailing
traditional echelon structure



online retailing
hub-spoke parcel network



Road Traffic Growth in the UK 1990-2005



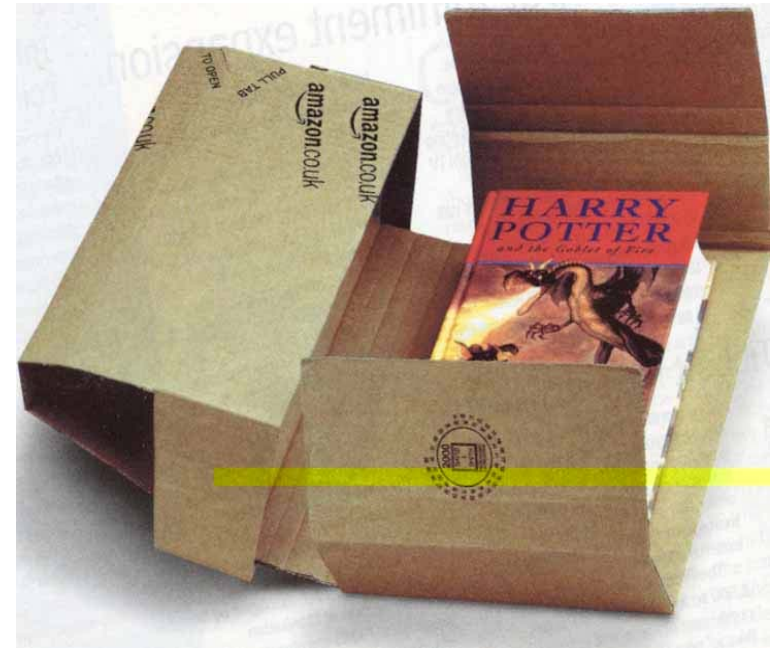
Source: Department for Transport

Home delivery and van types

Product type	Typical order size	Main delivery vehicle types
Groceries	c 60 items	temp controlled vans
Clothing	2 items	postman(walk; bike); van for rural parcel carrier (Van) home delivery courier (private car)
Books and entertainment	2-3 items	postman(walk; bike); van for rural
Non-clothing	3 items	parcel carrier
Larger goods	1 item , or set	2 man delivery specialist
Wines	1-2 cases	parcel delivery van
electronics	c 2 items	postman(walk; bike) parcel carrier (Van)

Direct Distribution of Non-food Items

Increased logistics effort by Fedex to deliver Harry Potter books to US homes on date of publication



**The 'Harry Potter' effect:
greater use of parcel carriers
channelled through hub-satellite networks
lower vehicle load factors
greater volume of packaging (forward and reverse channels)**

*******The 'Dark Side' of E-commerce*******

Impact on Local Traffic Levels

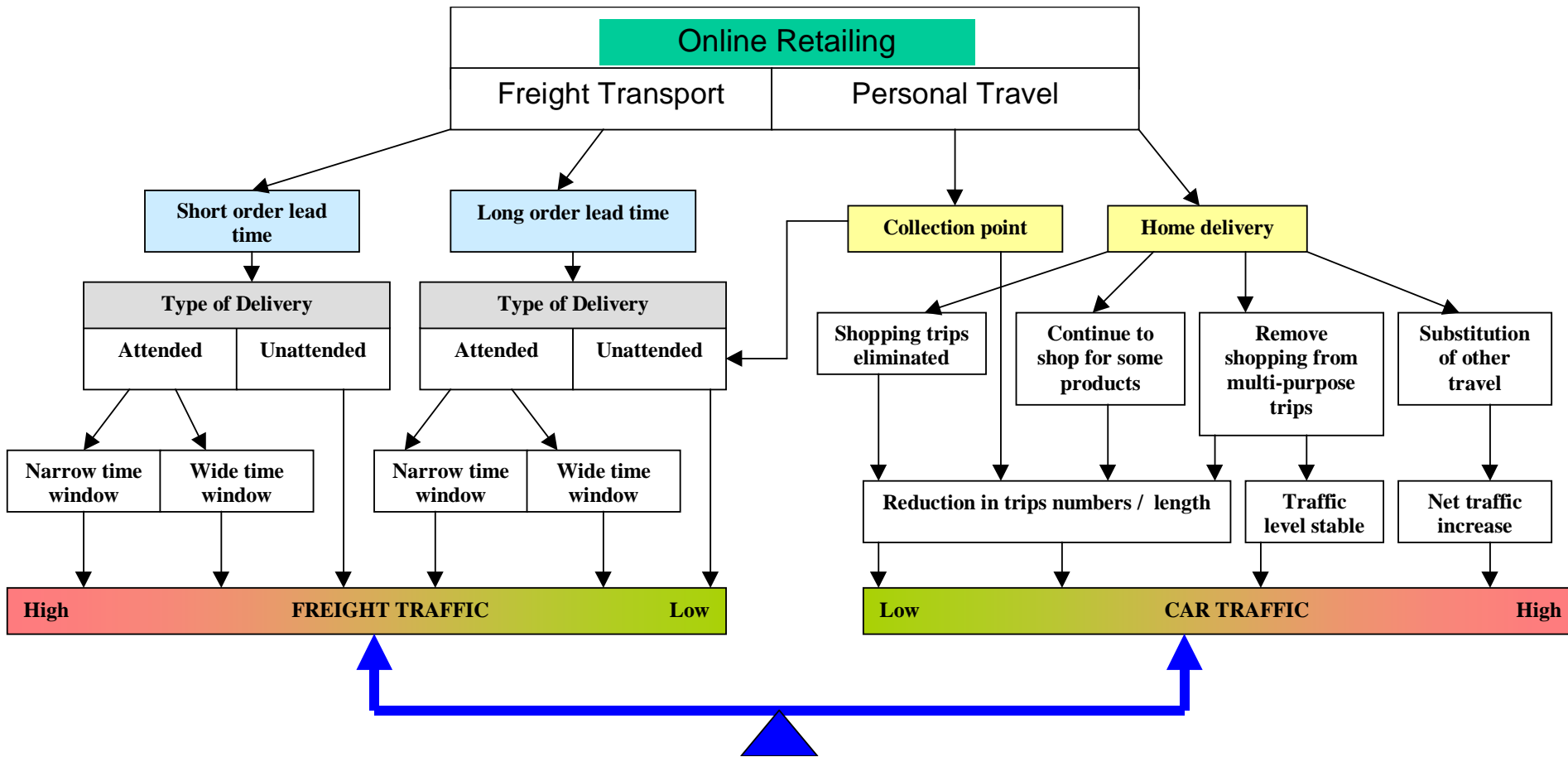
- Degree of load consolidation:
 - pooling of vehicle fleets: outsourcing home delivery
 - scheduling of orders (*automated replenishment?*)

- Volume of return flow:
 - 20-40% returns from home delivery
 - return loading or separate trips

- Proportion of failed deliveries / repeat trips:

- Level of trip substitution:
 - continuing need to shop for fresh produce
 - shopping trips replaced by leisure travel

Impact of Online Retailing on Traffic Levels



Carbon emission reduction: - what is being done now?

Area	Measure	Example	
Vehicles	Alternative fuels	Bio-fuel and electric vehicles increasingly in test/being used	
	Lower emissions	In line with legislation	
	Double deck trailers	Mileage reduction	
	Vehicle design		Spoilers etc to improve fuel consumption
			“driving clean”
Driver training	Fuel reduction		
	Accident reduction		
Measurement and reporting	Measures formulated and quantified	CSR report within corporate governance	
		Continuous improvement activity	

The Don-Bur "teardrop" trailer for M&S

+ 16%
cubic
capacity



-10%
fuel
consumption



-20%
less
carbon
emissions



And what are the untapped opportunities?

Area	Current	Potential	Examples
Reduce 1 st time delivery failures	Range of 3-30+%, average c 18%	<i>could be <5%</i>	Enable shoppers to add appropriate helpful information at point of order
			Reduce current over-reliance on POD requirement
			Embrace alternative delivery approaches
			Improved address matching to PAF file
Reduce overall failed deliveries	c 1%	<i>Could be <0.25%</i>	Improved communication channels with shoppers eg sms to replace "carded" deliveries
Reduce returns	3-35%	<i>Could be reduced by 25% at least</i>	Improve outbound packing accuracy
			Improve website clarity on product and service etc etc

could reduce total home deliveries by c 10-18%

IMRG stance



IDIS (Internet delivery is Safe) is the e-retail industry programme aligning home delivery and internet shopping. The IDIS charters operate as subsets and extensions of the ISIS trust scheme.

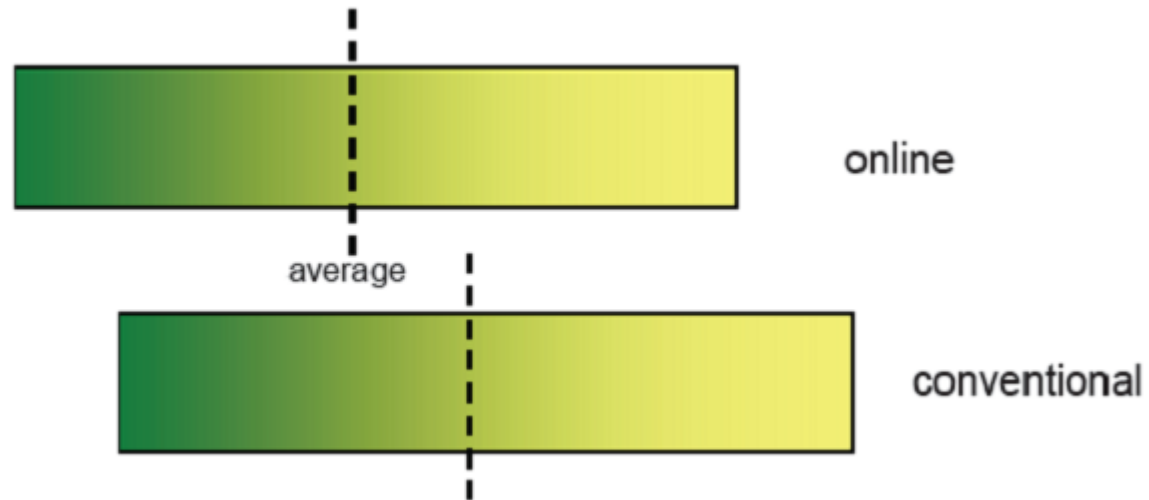
IDIS STRATEGIC VISION

ENABLING ONLINE SHOPPERS TO MAKE INFORMED DELIVERY CHOICES THROUGH TRANSPARENCY OF OPTIONS, LIMITATIONS, BENEFITS, AND THEIR ASSOCIATED COSTS

Summary

- Home delivery growth is c 40% pa, and this rapid growth will continue till c2010, when growth rates will decelerate, towards 10-20% pa
- The drive for cost reduction will give some sustainability benefits anyway
- Companies will continue to improve sustainability performance , as they focus on “do good, not harm”
- Technology developments will enable further sustainability benefits
- The green logistics research will establish common ways of measuring impact, and consumers will be made aware of this
- Armed with some information, consumers will make their choices
- When combined with the “operational” opportunities, *home delivery growth could well have a positive impact on carbon emissions, despite the overall increase in delivery numbers*

Shades of Green in the Retail Market?



Any environmental advantage likely to be conditional on:

vehicle load factors

% of failed deliveries

level of product returns

energy efficiency of warehouses and shops

structure of the supply chain

personal travel behaviour

Something to think about:

- ❖ How many of you are green-focussed in your businesses?
- ❖ What is driving that?
- ❖ Do green initiatives save money or cost money?
- ❖ Is green focus becoming the catalyst for cost saving, and changing consumer behaviour in a justifiable way?

Something to help:

Can any multi-channel retailers help us with data?
6th November a.m. in London

THANK YOU

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