

# Heat Networks: Planning for a Zero-Carbon World

UK Local Authority District Energy Vanguards Network

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## CSE



# District heating: opportunities for rural authorities

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Climate Emergency Support Programme Director

Centre for Sustainable Energy



# Outline

- Introduction to CSE
- Benefits of district heating in rural local authorities
- How rural local authorities can champion district heating (evidence, engagement, policy, finance)
- Consumer protection issues





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**Local and Community  
Empowerment**

**11 staff**

**Research and Analysis**

**12 staff**

**Household Energy  
Services**

**25 staff**

**Climate Emergency Strategic Support Programme**

(draws on all teams for targeted projects and support to local authorities, town and parish councils)



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## Communities team

- General support for community energy groups
- Dedicated programme for Neighbourhood planning groups
- Social science research into new approaches to tackling barriers to public acceptance of low carbon technologies.





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## Household Energy Services team

- Domestic energy advice
- Home visits, benefits assessments
- Outreach and partnership work with NHS, local authorities etc





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## Research team

- Data analysis
- Modelling (National Household Model, National Heat Map, Thermos)
- Fuel poverty and vulnerability mapping.







# Context for rural local authorities

- Detailed heat networks research to date principally commissioned by urban authorities
- More than 350 local authorities, and town and parish councils have made a climate emergency declaration since November 2018.
- All councils who've made a declaration quickly waking up to the need to decarbonise heat.
- Need to avoid obsessing only about new build!



# Opportunities for DH in rural areas

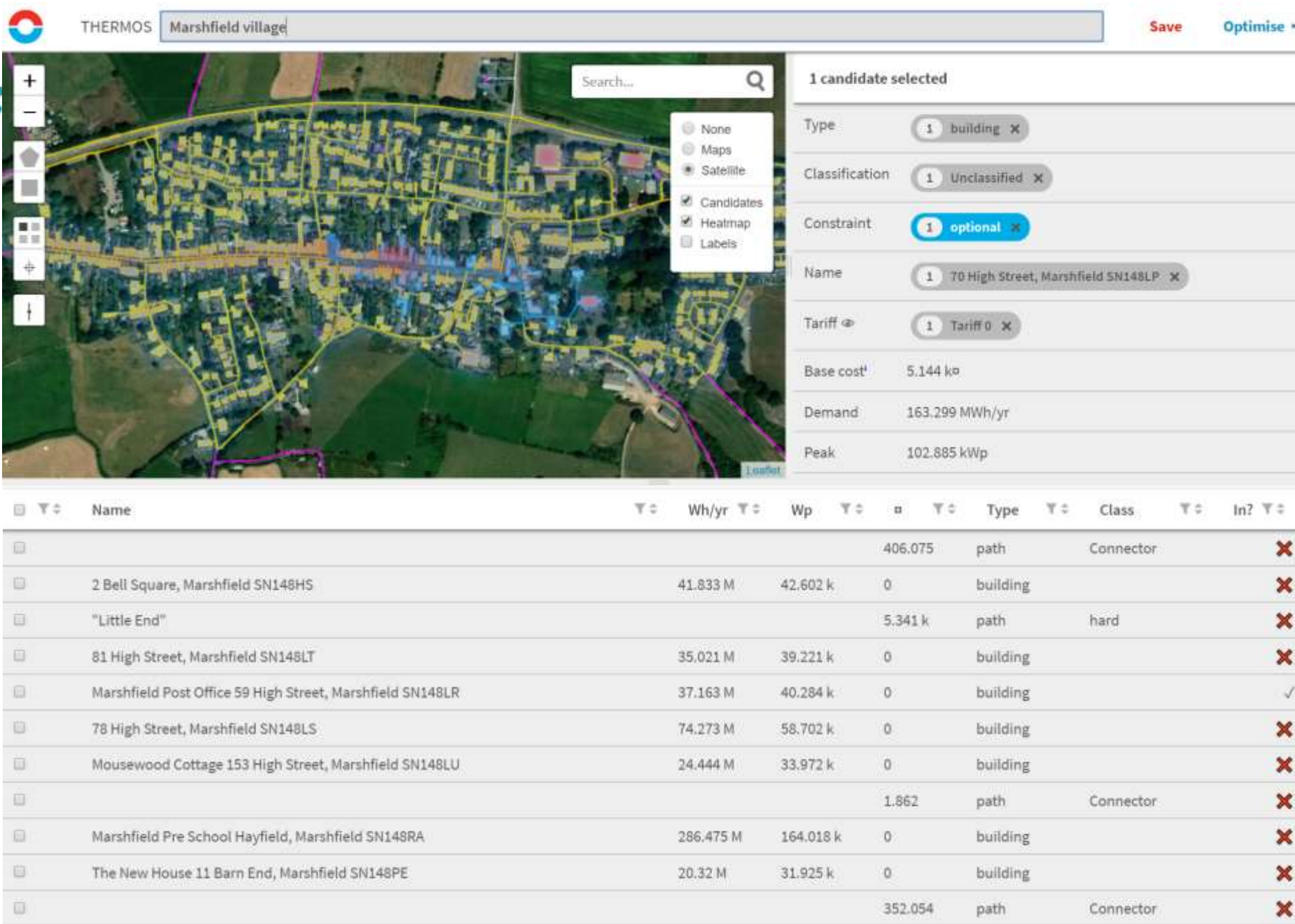
- Whole settlements off-gas
- Socio-cultural barriers are lower – good ‘fit’
- Less crowded utility space and more soft dig
- Local feedstocks and direct employment/ economy links
- DH often preferable to individual ASHP where heritage and visual impacts a consideration



## Rural Local Authorities as DH champions

### **EVIDENCE AND DATA**

- Heat decarbonisation studies at the district/borough level
- High level ranking of most economically viable –working with interested parishes (££)
- Linking demand and supply – biomass production assessment, ALC mapping etc
- Land ownership research via properties team



THERMOS whole village district heating analysis





## Rural Local Authorities as DH champions

### **ENGAGEMENT AND FACILITATION**

- Outreach and awareness raising – most successful DH projects have a public sector leader at the centre
- Can't be done from behind a desk, and best done as part of a bigger conversation about energy strategies at the local level.



	Number of Cards	Number of Installations	MWh Produced / Year	Cost
Small	0	0	0	£0
Medium	0	0	0	£0
Large	1	1	5500	£2,500,000
Hydro medium	1	1	876	£400,000
Small PV domestic	2	200	640	£1,200,000
Small PV domestic	2	2	950	£1,200,000
Small PV domestic	0	0	0	£0
Small PV domestic	0	0	0	£0
Small PV domestic	0	0	0	£0
Small PV domestic	0	0	0	£0
Small PV domestic	1	100	1200	£940,000
Small PV domestic	0	0	0	£0
Small PV domestic	1	5	625	£250,000
Small PV domestic	1	1	999	£1,800,000
Small PV domestic	0	0	0	£0
Small PV domestic	0	0	0	£0
Small PV domestic	0	0	0	£0
Small PV domestic	2	291	172	£43,713
Small PV domestic	0	0	0	£0
Small PV domestic	2	291	240	£0
Your Electricity Demand (MWh)	7216	3475	1,935	1,753 Homes
Your Heat Demand (MWh)	24883	4186	293	1,753 Homes
Total Cost	£8,038,713			

Future Energy Landscapes: CSE/CPRE



# Rural Local Authorities as DH champions

## **PLANNING POLICY**

- Local Plan policies (and use of SPD where plans already adopted). Vital for new build.
- Training and support for DM staff to challenge developers on proposals
- Use evidence to identify heat priority areas and/or development archetypes
- Clear planning policy also needed on DH installations to existing buildings, to avoid unnecessary barriers
- Beware the current consultation on Building Regs...



### Policy text

Proposals for the utilisation, distribution and development of new renewable energy capacity, including large-scale freestanding installations, will be encouraged.

Positive  
encouragement...

In assessing such proposals the environmental and economic benefits of the proposed development will be afforded significant weight alongside considerations of public health and safety and impacts on biodiversity, landscape character, the historic environment and the residential amenity of the surrounding area.

...clearly indicating  
that significant weight  
is given

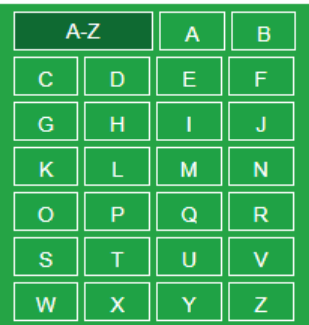
DM officers must be  
trained to interrogate  
and challenge  
developer  
submissions. External  
support may be  
needed.

### *Heating and Cooling Systems*

New development will be expected to demonstrate through its Energy Strategy that the most sustainable heating and cooling systems have been selected. This should include consideration of the proposed system as a whole, including the impact of its component materials on greenhouse gas emissions.

New development will be expected to demonstrate that heating systems have been selected in accordance with the following approach:

- Where possible, connection to an existing classified heat network or a new classified heat network from the point of occupation;
- Where it is likely that existing or proposed heat networks will grow, designing development with a communal heating system which could connect in the future;
- Elsewhere, employing sustainable alternatives to heat networks such as individual renewable heat or communal renewable/low-carbon heat.



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Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and other useful guidance ▲

Bath City-Wide Character Appraisal SPD

Existing Dwellings in the Green Belt SPD

Planning Obligations SPD

Priston Village Design Statement

Sustainable Construction and Climate Change: Planning Documents

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## Sustainable Construction and Climate Change: Planning Documents

### Policy and Guidance Documents

#### Contents

1. **Sustainable Construction Checklist Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to be submitted as part of all proposals within the scope in order to register an application**

Supporting documents:

2. Sustainable Construction Checklist SPD: Heat Networks Guidance Note to reference if the proposal is in a Heat Network Priority or Opportunity area

3. Sustainable Construction and Retrofitting Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to review for locally-specific guidance on measures to meet the requirements of the Checklist SPD

4. Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy for Listed Buildings and Undesignated Historic Buildings to review if the application is on a historic building

5. Informal Guidance Note: Renewable Energy in the Green Belt in Bath & North East Somerset for free-standing renewable energy applications

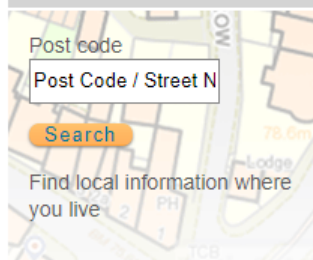
6. Sustainable Construction Policy: Evidence documents Background information; the evidence upon which policies are based and some case studies

Tackling climate change is a key priority for Bath and North East Somerset Council, and it is recognised that buildings which minimise carbon emissions and are resilient to the future climate can also provide greater occupant comfort and lower energy costs.

The adopted [Placemaking Plan](#) has a cross cutting objective to pursue a low carbon and sustainable future. A suite of policies to implement this objective can be found in the "Responding to Climate Change" section. **Applicants are advised to review the Placemaking Plan Climate Change policies in full since other policies may also apply to their application.** The documents below support applicants in meeting (and ideally exceeding) the planning requirements set out in this section of the Placemaking Plan.

Last updated: 9th November 2018

#### Services in Your Area



#### Events Listings

« November 2019 »

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

[View all events](#) [Council meetings](#)

#### More like this

- [Supplementary Planning Documents \(SPDs\) and other useful guidance](#)
- [Policies, Plans & Partnerships](#)
- [Index of Planning Policy Web-pages](#)

#### Links

[Sustainable Construction Checklist \(Word version\)](#)



# Rural Local Authorities as DH champions

## FINANCE

- Rural district heating well suited to community energy governance and finance structures (CIC, Registered Society, Community Shares)
- Local Authorities can support community DH via:
  - Signposting to risk funding (e.g. RCEF, £40k early feasibility, £100k detailed planning)
  - Aggregating projects for investment (e.g. Abundance Community Municipal Bond)
  - Joint investments with town/parish councils (PC precept rises are not capped)
  - Supporting non-profit service delivery via the General Power of Competence



## Final word - consumer protection

- District heating is a largely unregulated market, CMA proposed regulation via Ofgem in 2018 (but nothing doing yet?)
- Where Local Authorities demand DH with *carbon reduction* as principal driver, consumers *may* end up paying more. How to ■ that ● ?
- The Heat Trust ([heattrust.org](http://heattrust.org)). Voluntary, stakeholder-led industry scheme on best practice.



Thank you

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# Jon Selman

## Plymouth City Council



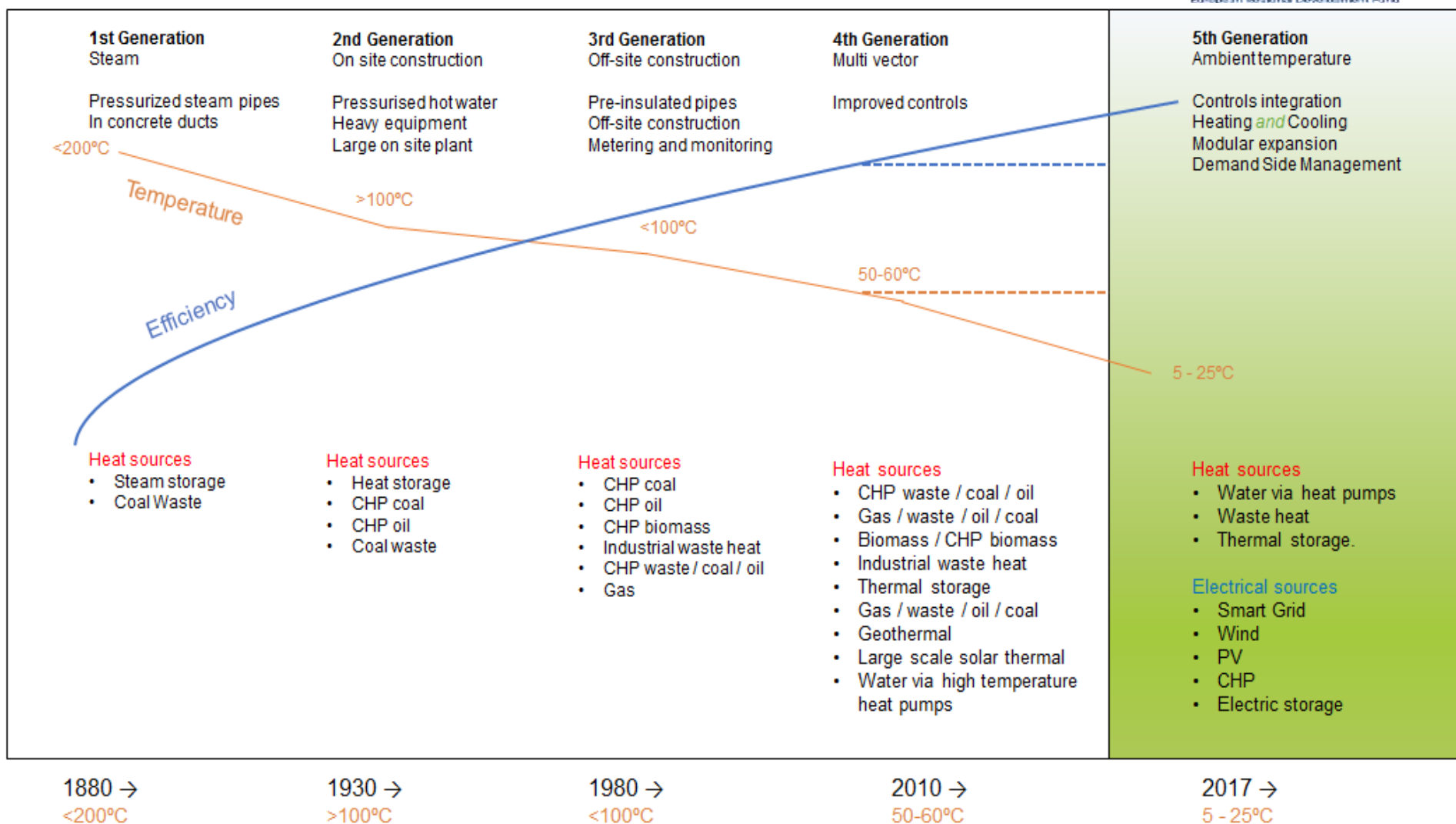
# Developing 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Generation District Heating within the UK

# HeatNet NWE project

The overall objective of HEATNET NWE is to introduce and demonstrate the 4th generation DHC (4DHC) in NWE. The concept requires the development of new institutional and organizational frameworks. The project will result in 15,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>e saved per annum at its end.



# District heating evolution



Heat network trends to lower distribution temperatures and higher efficiency

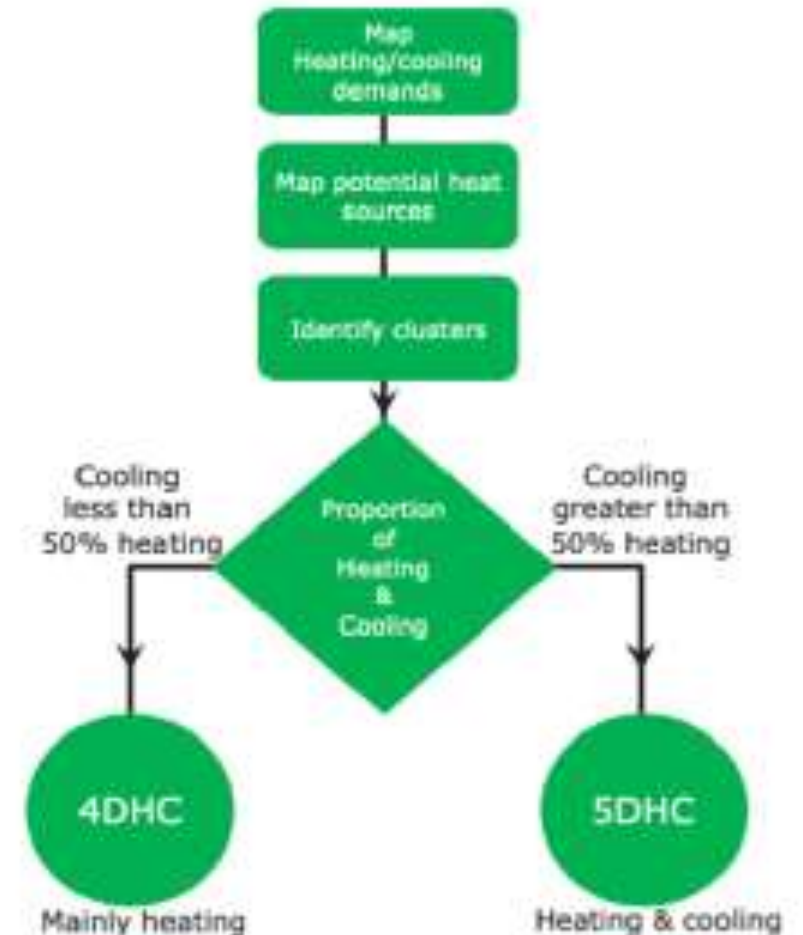
# 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Generation District Energy?

## 4th Generation DHC

- Traditional centralised topology with energy centre(s) supplying heat.
- Supplying at around 55-45°C and return temperatures at @ 25-15°C
- Highly insulated, pre-insulated pipework that is more likely to be plastic.
- Usually needs supplementary boosting to supply DHW, and cooling would be a separate system.

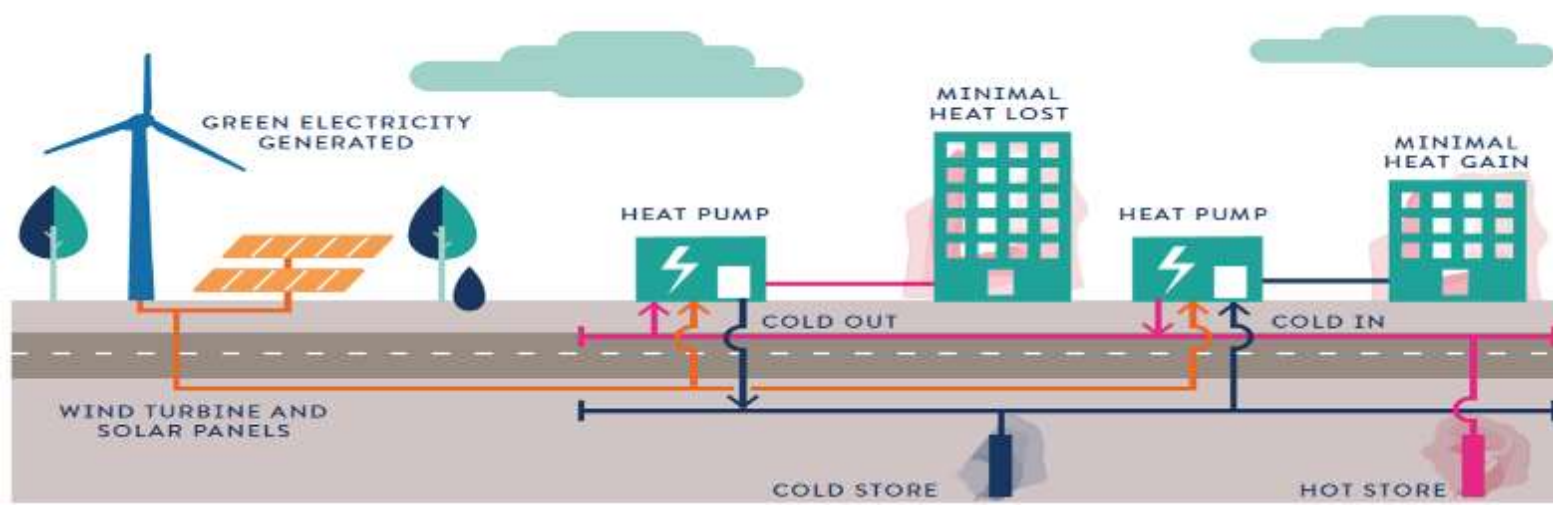
## 5th Generation DHC

- Non-traditional topology with decentralised plant (usually heat pumps).
- Ultra-low temperature headers in a spine/backbone. 5DHC often consists of un-insulated plastic pipework.
- Supply at <45°C, with return temperatures around 25-15°C.
- Usually includes seasonal thermal storage.
- Needs supplementary boosting to supply DHW temperatures.
- Built-in cooling supply and can interchange heating/cooling between buildings.



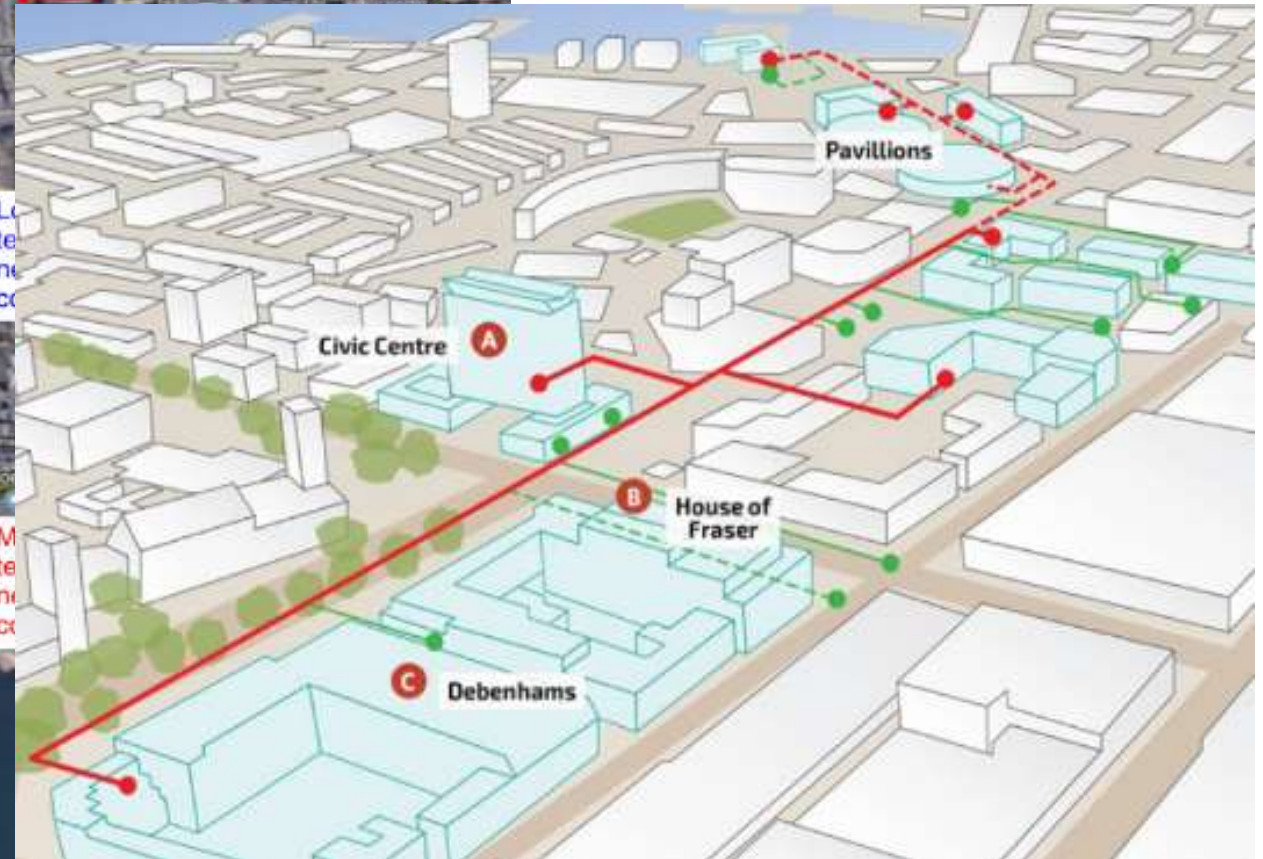
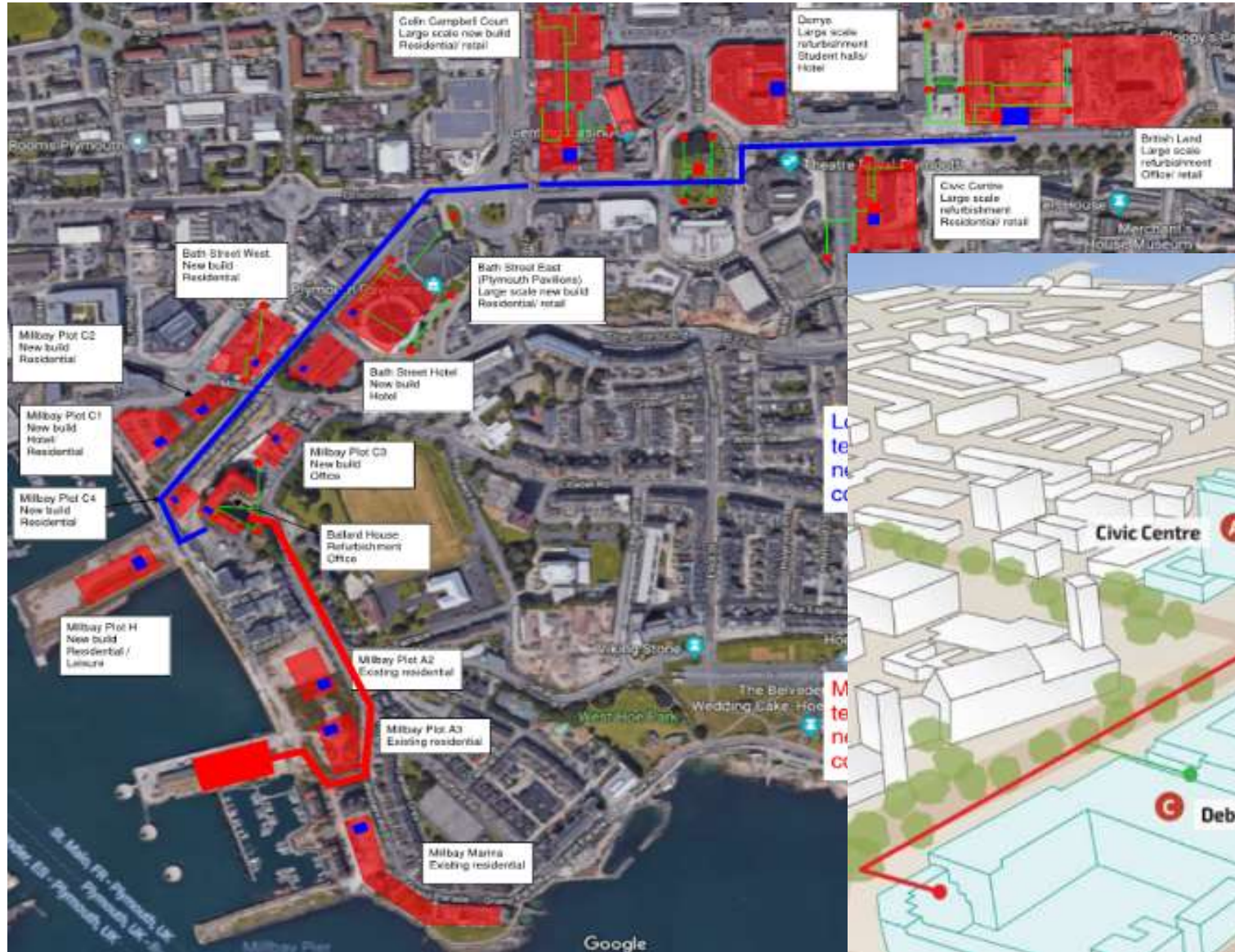
# 5<sup>th</sup> Generation - Benefits

- Resilient to climate change- cooling and heating
- Rejected energy recovered and shared, reducing primary energy
- Helps buildings achieve future compliance
- No flues or emissions- air quality benefits
- Flexible- plug and play (decentralised)
- Allows greater use of renewable energy and waste heat sources
- Opportunity to offer 'grid services' to electricity network









# Plymouth Pilot

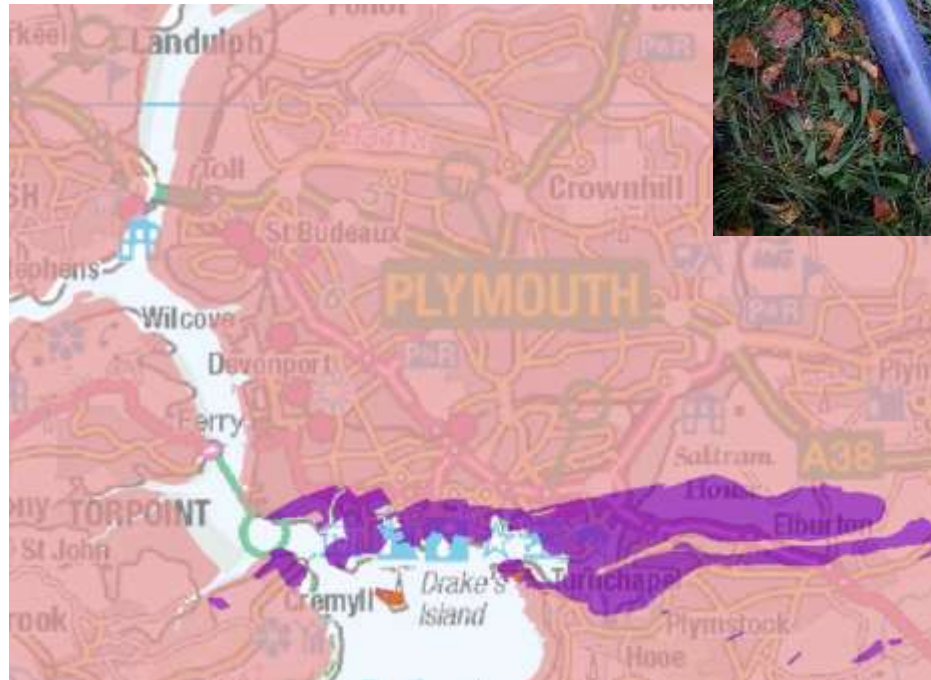




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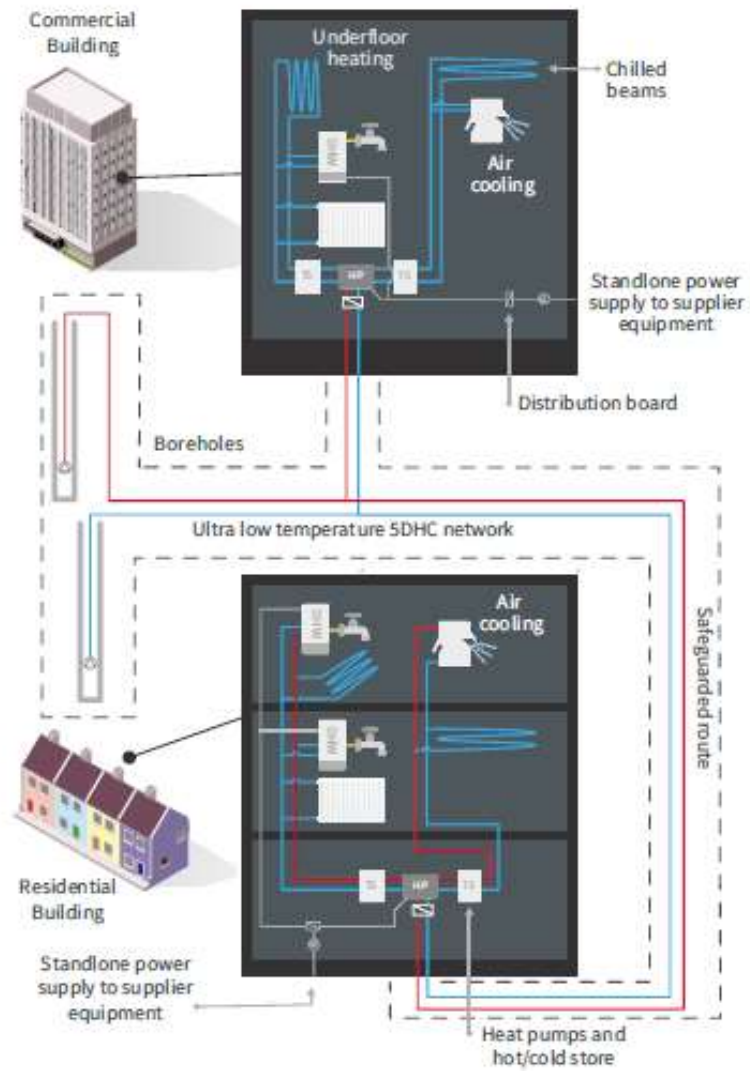
## Aquifer Bedrock

-  Principal
-  Secondary A
-  Secondary B
-  Secondary (undifferentiated)





# Plymouth Pilot



# Q&A



Any questions?

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**Thank you!**

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## Exeter and East Devon



# Local perspectives – the power of planning? Exeter's journey - so far

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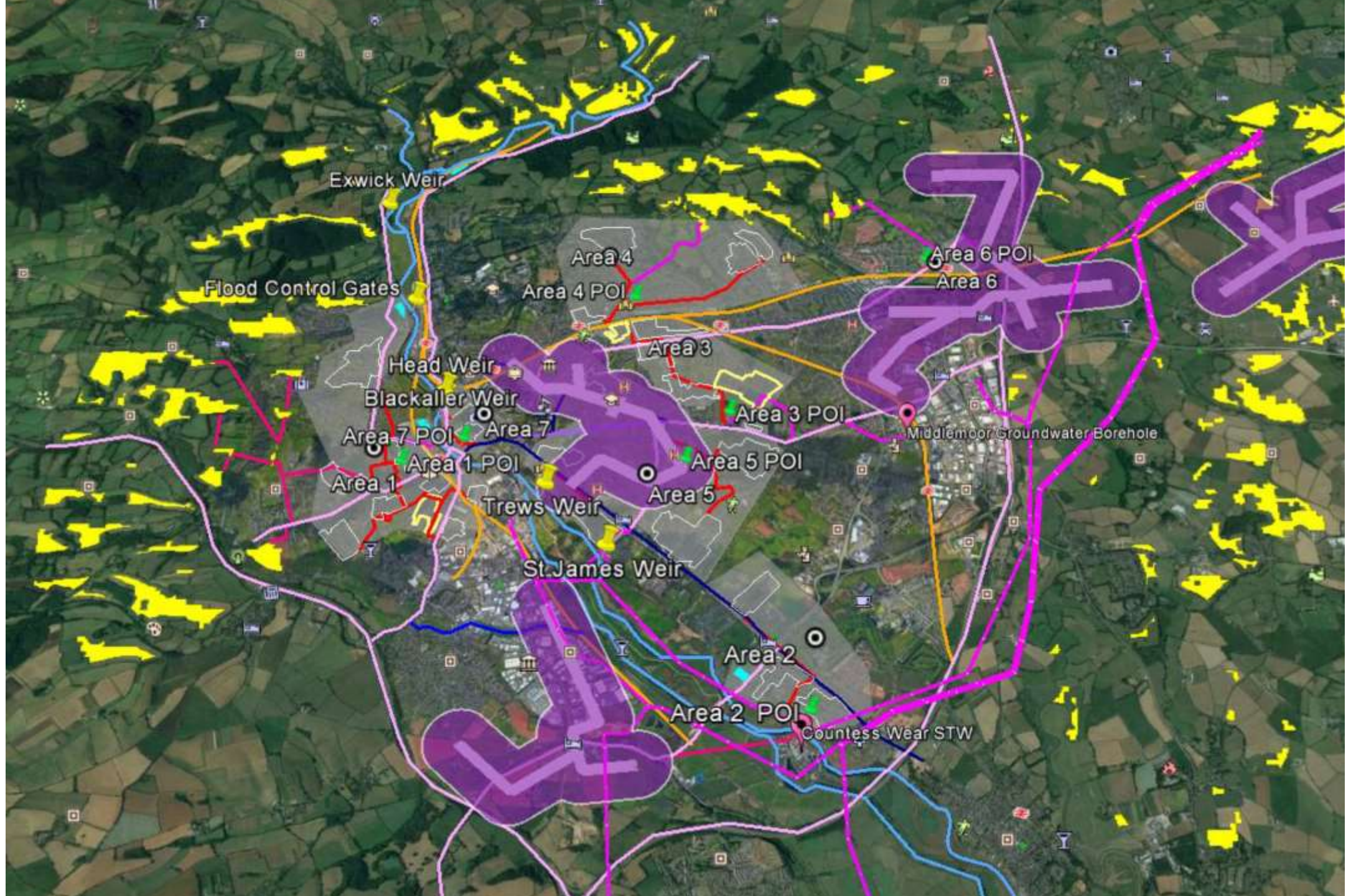


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City Council











# Exeter milestones



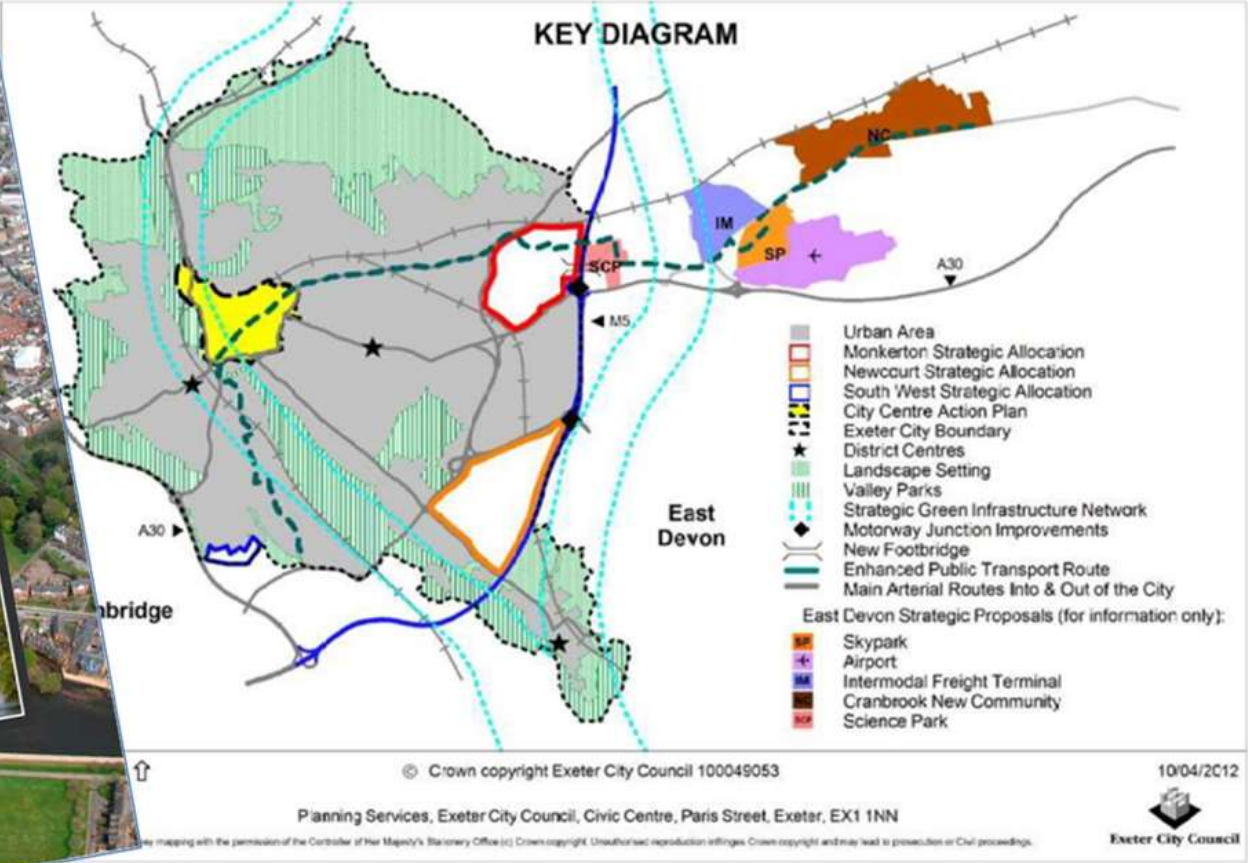
- 2008 Exeter and East Devon Growth Point Energy Strategy
- 2009 HCA funding for Cranbrook heat network
- 2010 Cranbrook development commences
- 2012 Exeter City Council Core Strategy policies adopted
- 2012 Cranbrook energy centre opened
- 2012 Exeter City Centre feasibility study
- 2016 Dextco Ltd formed by ECC, DCC, TDC, RD&E, UoE
- 2017 City Centre network market engagement day
- 2019 South West Exeter network market engagement day
- 2019 2000 homes built at Cranbrook

Ministry of Housing,  
Communities &  
Local Government

Exeter City Council

# CORE STRATEGY

Adopted February 2012















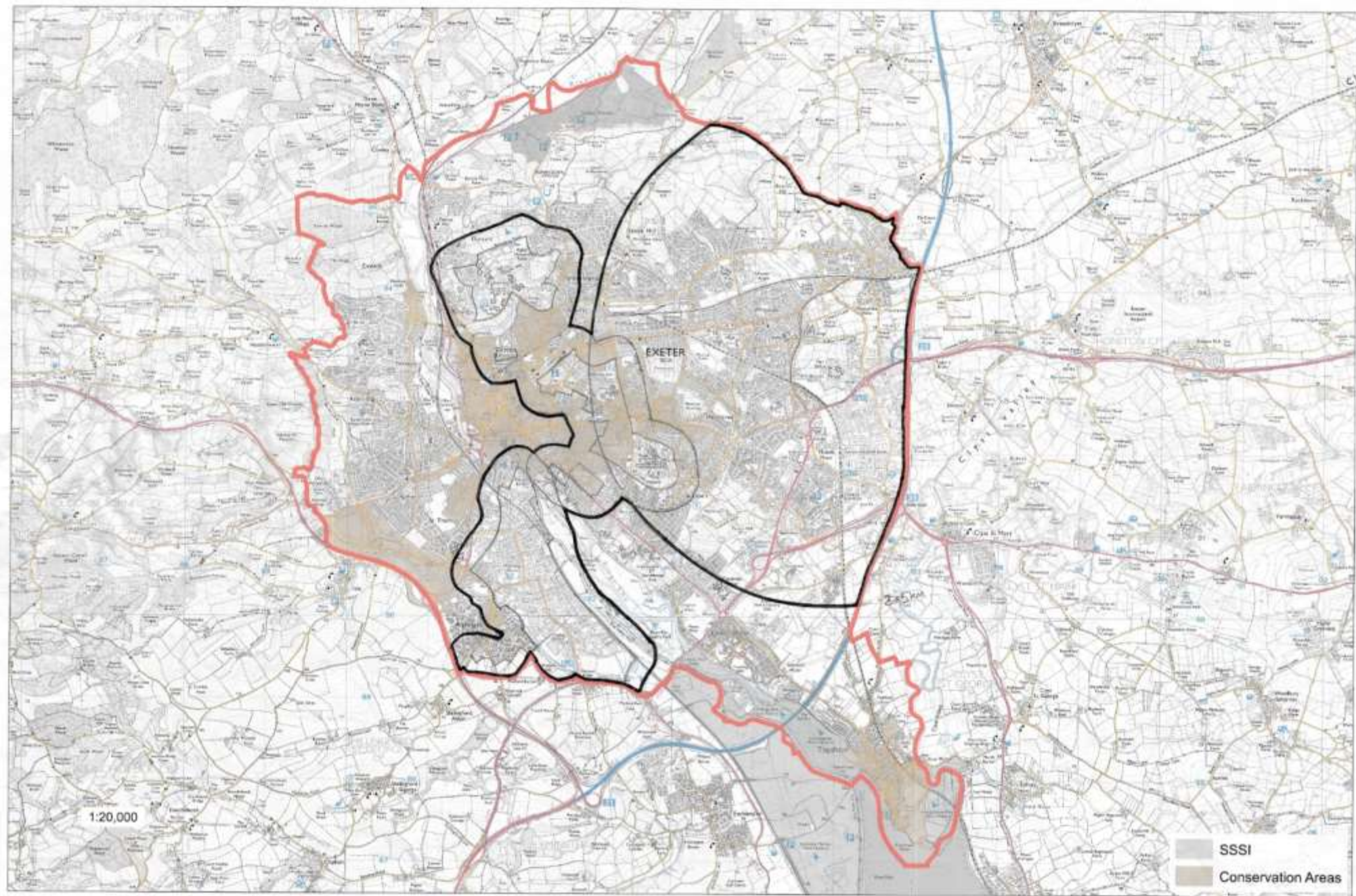
















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# Andy Yuill

## Natural Power

# Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies (LHEES)

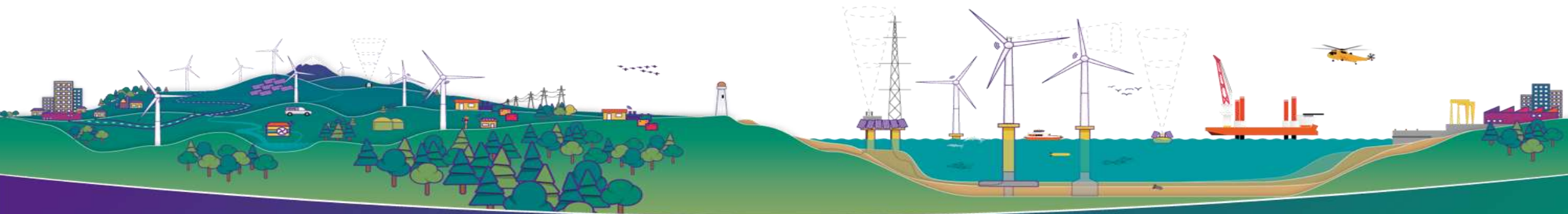
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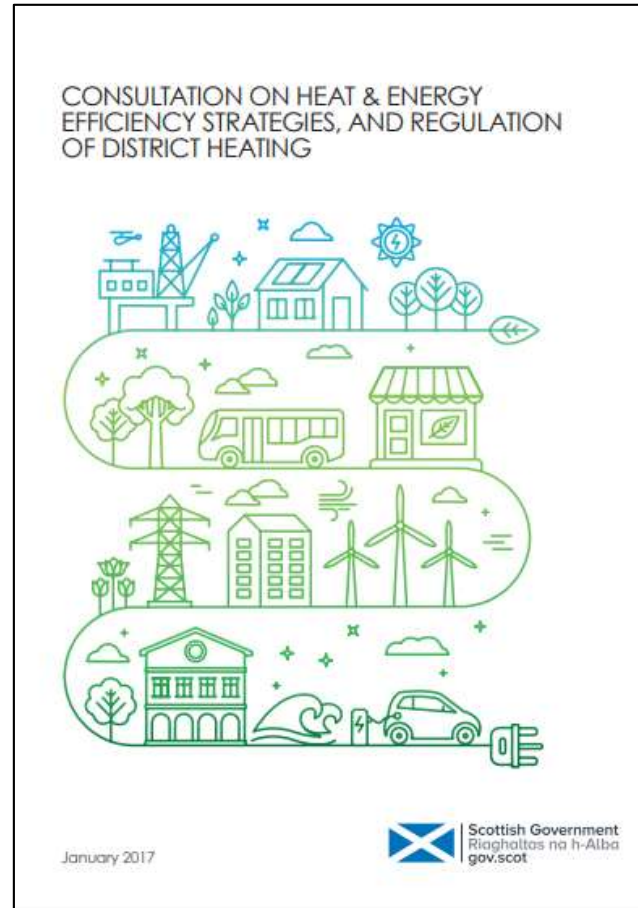
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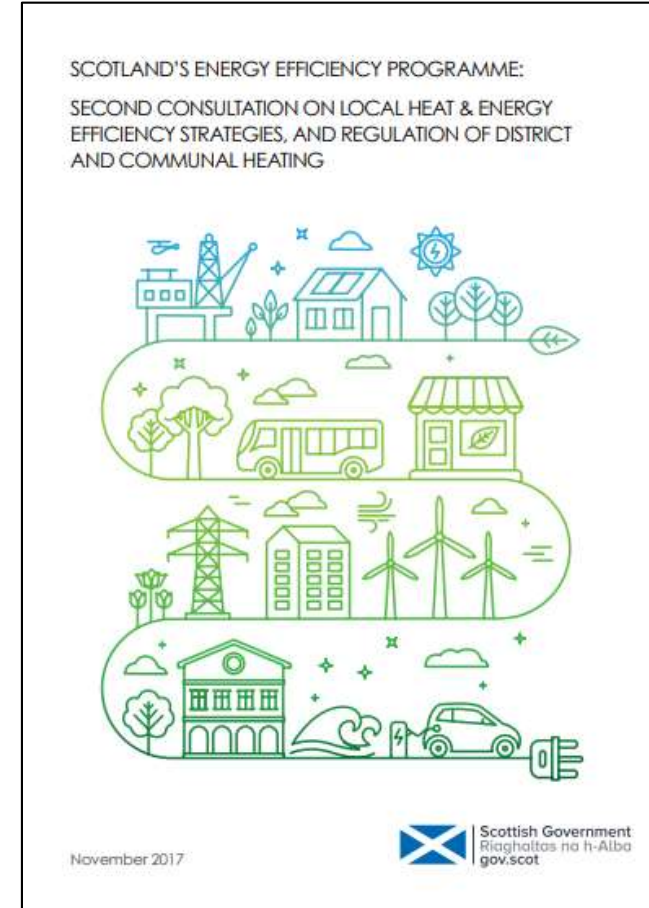
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January 2017



November 2017



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LHEES is reflective of the evolving nature of devolution.

Policy is ***decided*** at a national level

BUT

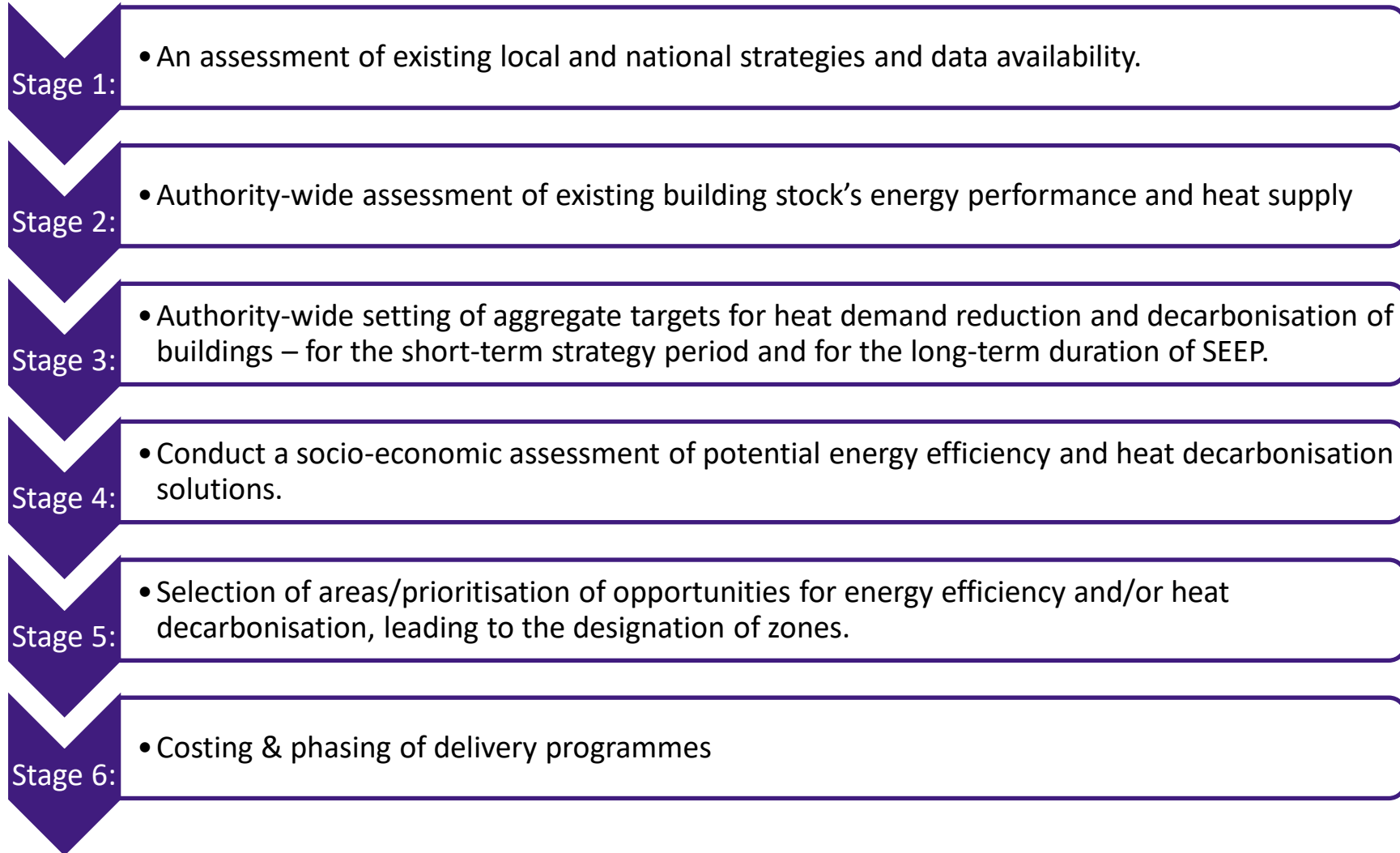
Implementation is ***directed*** at a local level

***“Recognising local differences”***

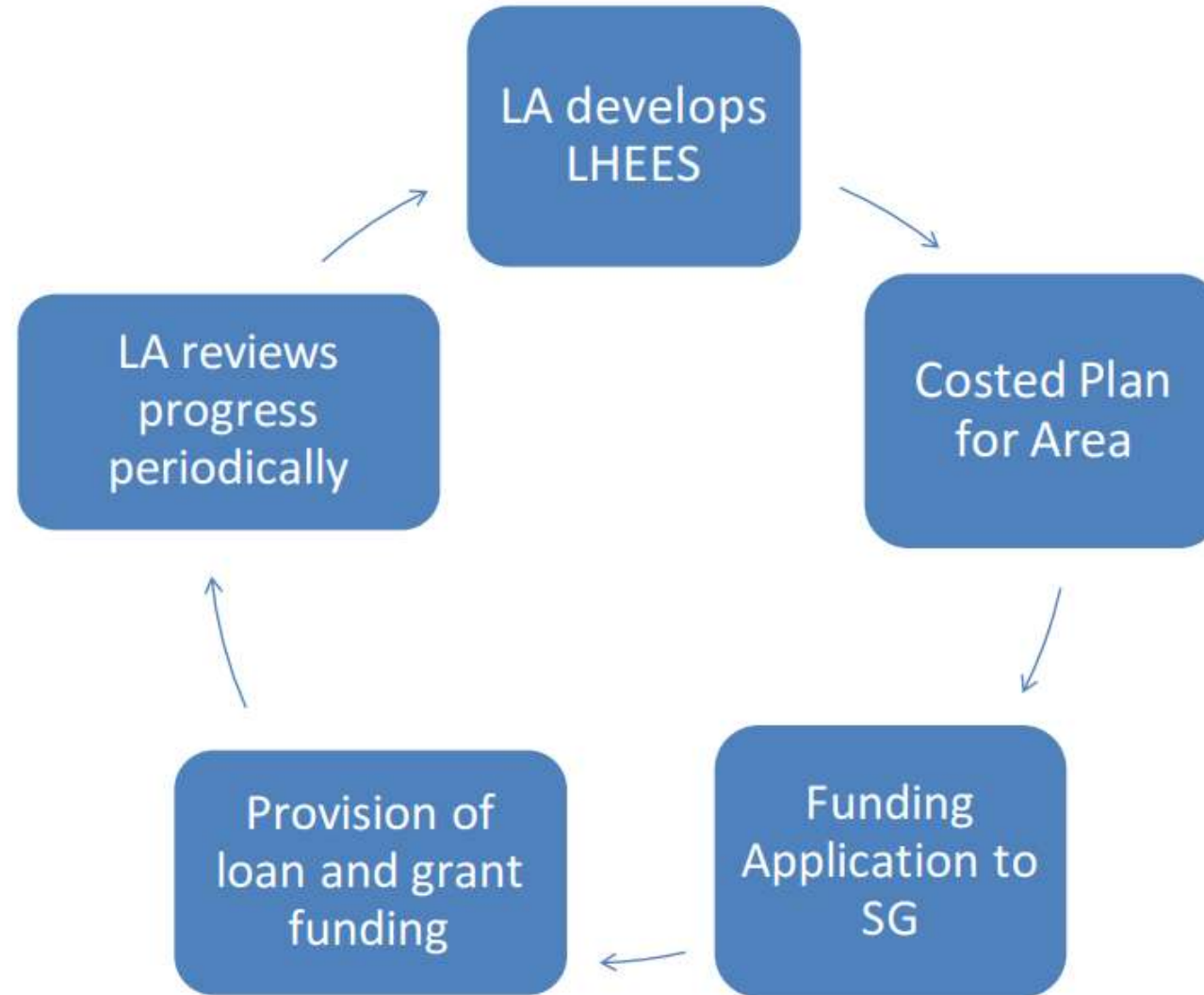


# What is an LHEES?

It's a process not a plan

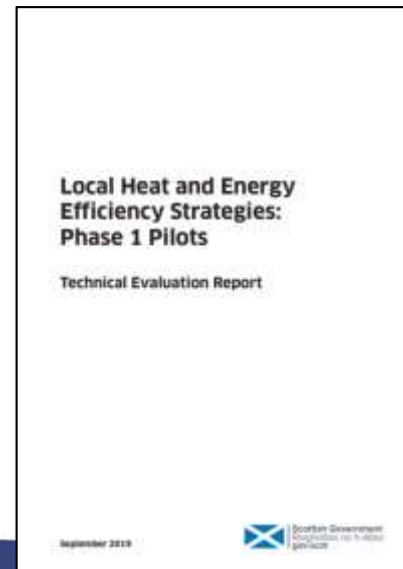
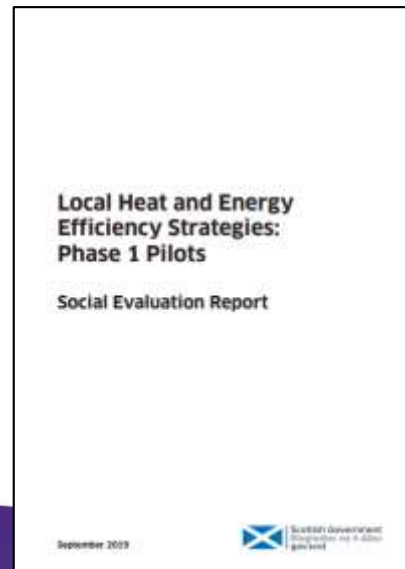






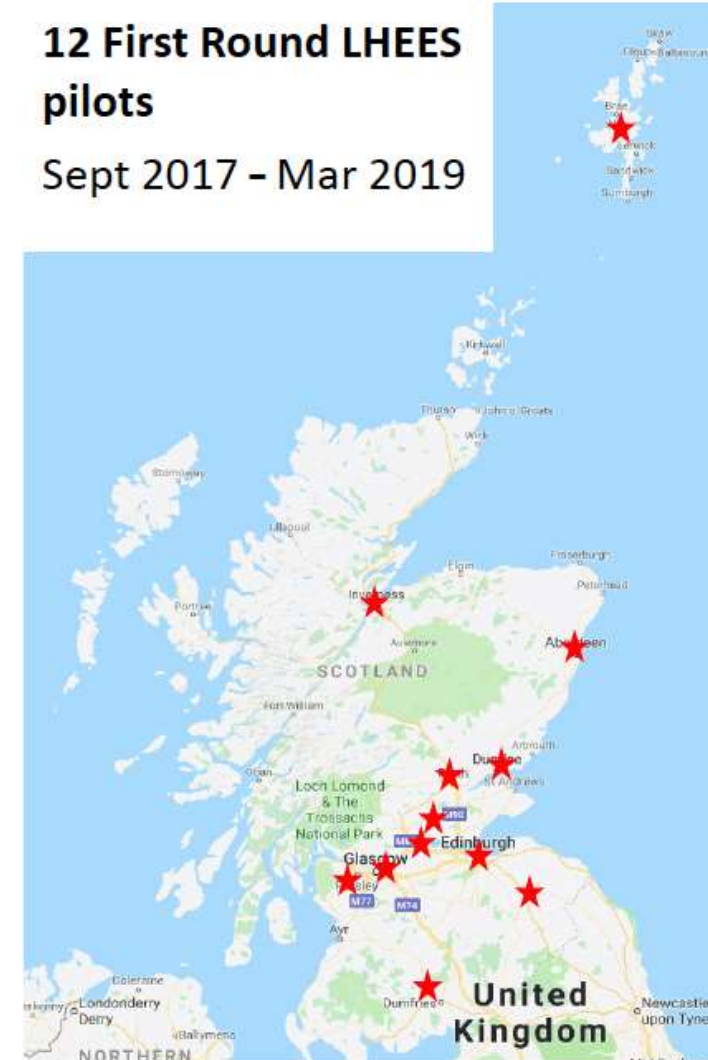
### Pilot Phase 1 (Delivered by SEEP)

- Between September 2017 and March 2019, 12 local authorities participated in the first round of LHEES pilots
- Funding of between £50-70k was provided to each LA
- The aims of the pilots were:
  - to test and develop methods for creating an LHEES,
  - identify relevant sources of data (and any data gaps),
  - gain a fuller understanding of the resources and capabilities required to deliver an LHEES



### 12 First Round LHEES pilots

Sept 2017 – Mar 2019



### Pilot Phase 2 (Delivered by SEEP)

- Further 11 local authorities participated in the second round of LHEES pilots
- Work is ongoing and analysis of findings is about to start

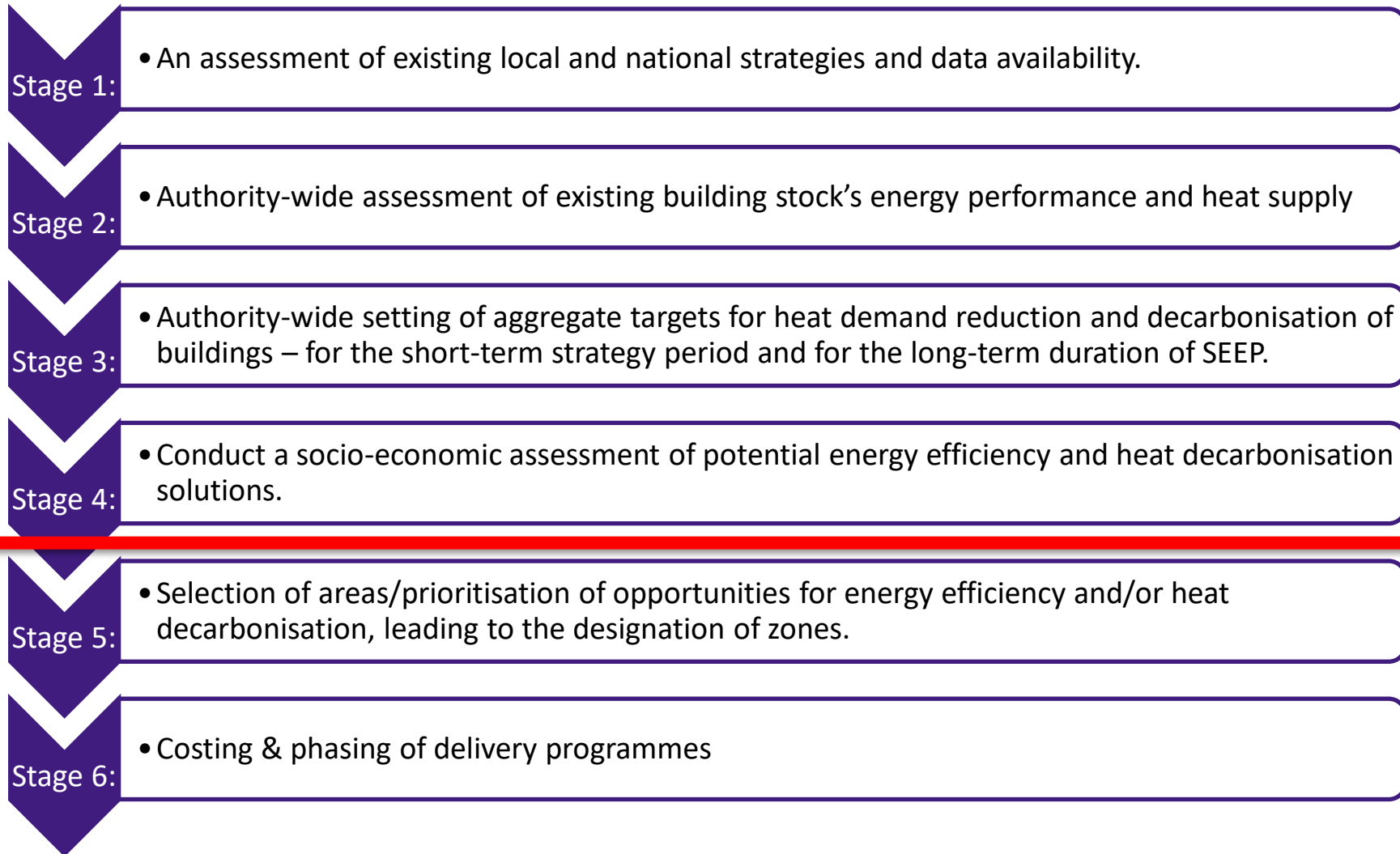


### Pilot Phase 3 (Delivered by EES)

- Final 9 local authorities invited to undertake a pilot LHEES study
- Funding round closed October 2019





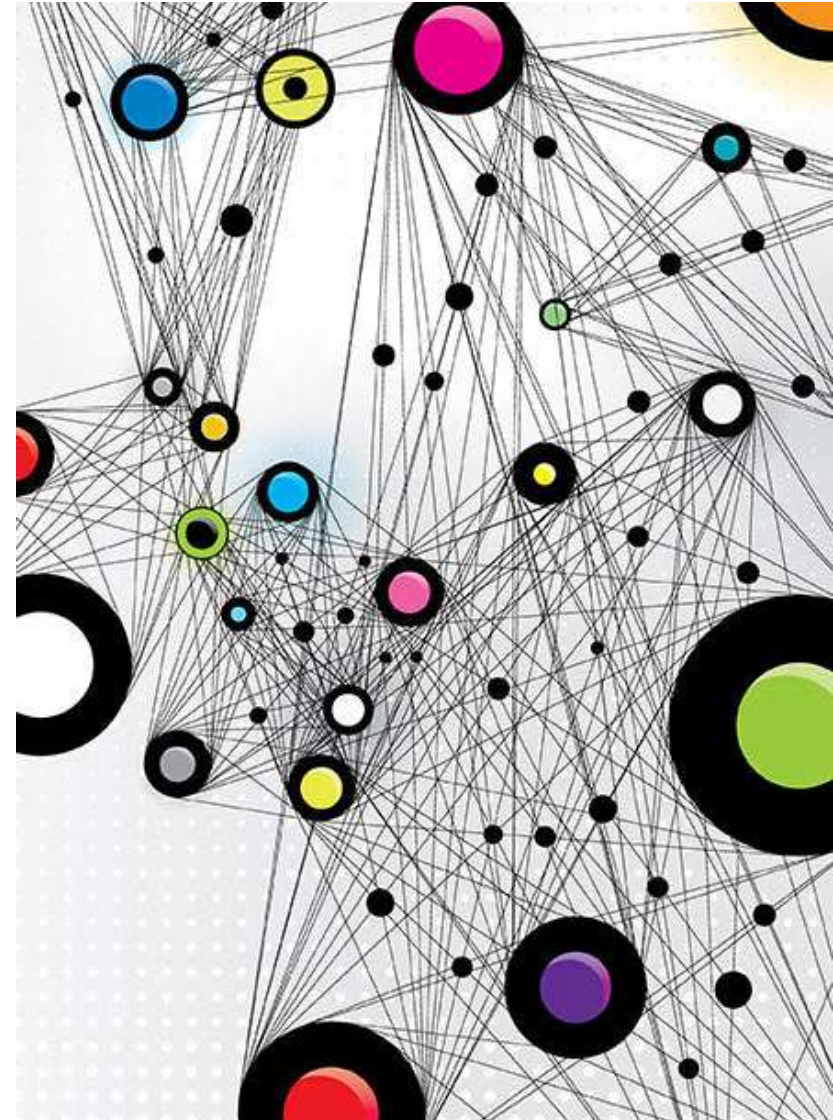


### Issues

- Lots of questions
- Limits of substantive control
- Interdependency on other strategies / policies
- Hierarchy with other legislation
- Sequencing
- Resourcing

### Benefits

- Lots of questions
- Value as a Strategy to produce Policy and Projects
- Engagement
- Toolkits and processes
- Understanding the complexity of the problem





# Josh Thumim

## CSE



# THERMOS

Accelerating the development of  
low-carbon heating & cooling networks



Joshua Thumim

Head of Research at the Centre for Sustainable Energy, Bristol

**UK District Energy Vanguards Network Event**

Bristol, 19 November 2019

# Aims of this presentation

- Introduce you to THERMOS
- Give you an idea of how it might be useful in your work
- Answer your questions
- Show you how to register to use THERMOS for free



# Structure

## **1. What is THERMOS?**

Making a map

A solution

A problem

## **2. Technical details**

What is being optimised?

What is represented in the model?

How do we estimate building demands?

## **3. Planned new features**

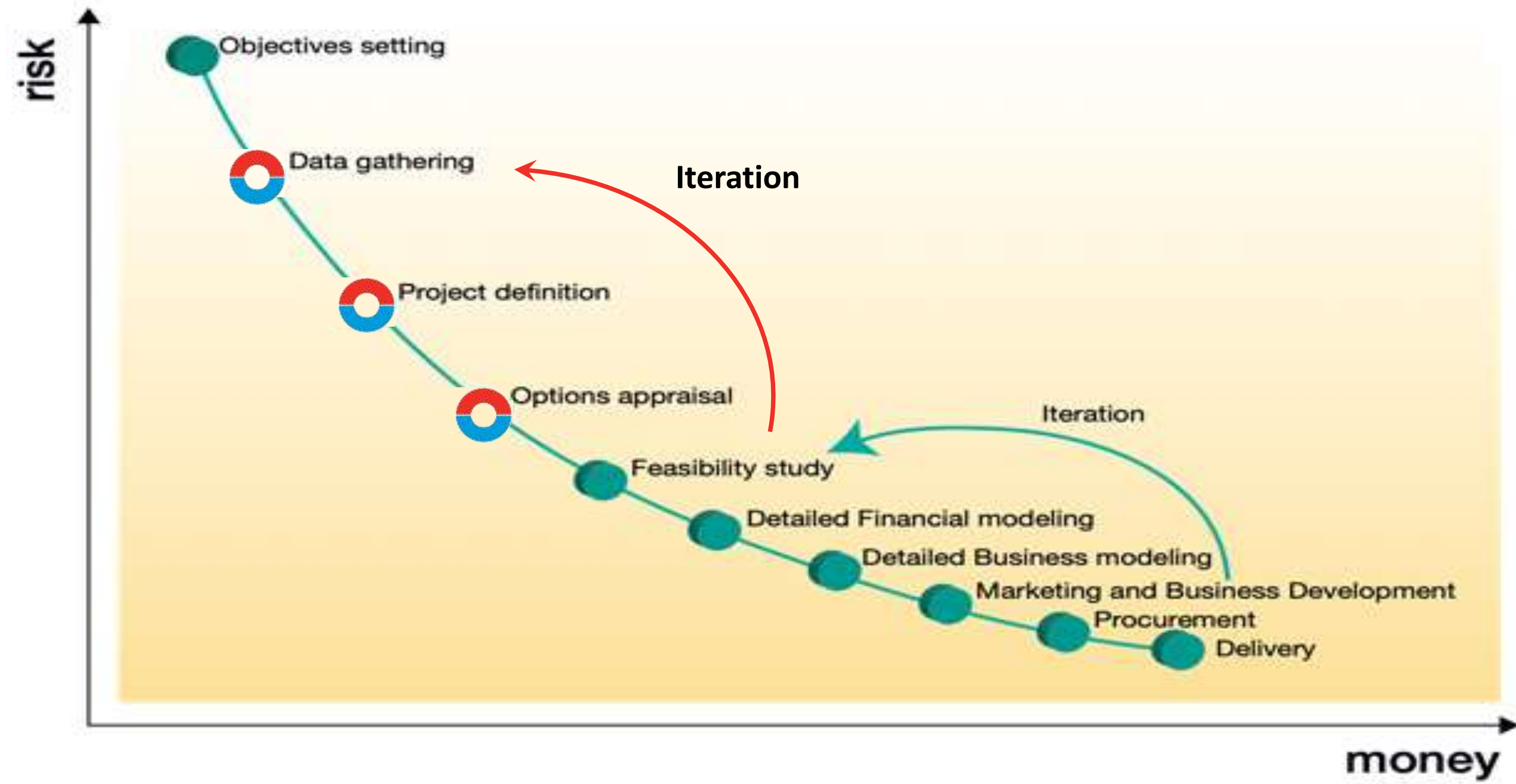
## **4. How does THERMOS add value?**

# What is THERMOS?

“Thermal Energy Resource Modelling and Optimisation System”

Web-based software for detailed pre-feasibility analysis of heating and cooling network options

Designed to support project development from area-wide mapping and masterplanning, through to detailed consideration of optimal network layouts





# What does THERMOS tell you?

- A THERMOS solution is a sized and costed geographic and topological description of a heat distribution network (cooling is coming in the new year):
  - Supply sites and sizes
  - Pipe sizes, routes and connectivity
  - Connected demands, sizes and peaks
  - Revenues, Costs -> NPV
- Two objectives:
  - Maximise network NPV; or
  - Minimise whole-system costs – insulation and alternative heating option

# Making a map

- THERMOS includes features to enable you to create a map for the area you are interested in
- The map provides the geographic inputs to problems
- **So you need to do this before you can use THERMOS to define and solve problems**
- Maps can be created either automatically from OpenStreetMap, or from your own shapefiles
- They comprise locations of supplies and demands, and paths along which these can be connected to form a network
- *Demand estimates can be calculated automatically* based on 3D building geometries (assuming LIDAR is available), or you can provide your own values in the shapefiles

# Viewing a solution



252 candidates selected

18 Wharton Street

8 Merriman Way

2 Franklin Court

2 South 16th Street

Length	2.157 km
Base cost	873.678 k€
Demand	3.094 GWh/yr
Peak	3.305 MWp
In solution	252 yes
Coincidence	85.192 %
Capacity	2.049 MW
Diameter	113.317 mm
Principal	2.149 M€
Revenue	278.476 k€/yr
Losses	381.576 MWh/yr, NaNW/m

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# Framing and solving a problem



1 candidate selected

Type

1 building x

Classification

1 Unclassified x

Constraint

1 optional x

Name

1 None x

Base cost

1.288 k<sup>2</sup>

Demand

7.901 MWh/yr

Peak

25.761 kWp

	Name	Wh/yr	Wp		Type	Class
				1.293 k	path	Connector
		46.282 M	44.81 k	0	building	Commercial
				269.685	path	Connector
				251.142	path	Connector

Repeatedly solve this, while increasing the  
heat sale price:

0 candidates selected

Price (c/kWh)	9.0
Connections	68
NPV (\$)	2,009,000
Runtime (s)	68



 ▼	Name	▼	Wh/yr ▼	Wp ▼	▣ ▼	Type ▼	Class ▼	In? ▼
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# What is being optimised?

- In *network mode* THERMOS optimises a model of a heat network, maximising NPV by deciding:
  - For each place where a pipe could go, whether a pipe should be there
  - For each place with demand, whether to meet the demand
  - For each place where a supply could go, whether to put a supply there
- Given these choices, it then decides:
  - For each pipe, how large the pipe has to be
  - For each supply, what the supply capacity has to be
- From this the costs and revenues are calculated, and NPV maximised

# What is being optimised?

- In *whole-system mode* THERMOS minimises the total cost of meeting the heat demands, by deciding:
  - For each building, whether or not to insulate, and in parallel, whether to install an individual system or connect to a network
  - For each place where a pipe could go, whether a pipe should be there
  - For each place where a supply could go, whether to put a supply there
- Given these choices, it then decides:
  - For each pipe, how large the pipe has to be
  - For each supply, what the supply capacity has to be
- From this the costs are calculated, and minimised

# What is being modelled?

- The network model accounts for:
  - Annual and peak demands on buildings
  - Pipe capacity @  $\Delta T \Rightarrow$  Pipe diameter  $\Rightarrow$  Installed pipe cost
  - Heat losses from the network
  - Load diversity in the network
  - Heat supply cost
  - Heat sale price
  - Amount and value of emissions associated with supply
  - Amount and value of counterfactual emissions

# Recap

- THERMOS computes optimal layouts for heat networks
- It can also identify a least-cost strategy including but not limited to networks
- You specify which buildings and routes are either *allowed* or *required* to be in the solution, and the location(s) at which heat supply can be provided
- Solution times vary with complexity, but problems comprising hundreds of buildings can be solved in seconds or minutes (and remember that for 100 buildings there are approximately  $10^{30}$  distinct sets, so this cannot be done by hand)
- THERMOS can be applied anywhere there is appropriate mapping data available – either provided by the user, or imported directly from OSM
- The system incorporates a demand-estimation method based on building geometries. This requires LIDAR coverage for 3D features.



# Planned new features

The project runs til June 2020, by which time we will have added:

- Supply optimiser (including thermal storage)
- Cooling network model
- UI enhancements

# Where does THERMOS create value?

1. Better network design at the prefeasibility stage – current practice does not attempt to identify optimal solutions
2. Significantly faster assessment of options, so many more options are considered, at greatly reduced cost
3. Enables analysis of the sensitivity of the optimal network design to a range of assumptions (supply cost, heat sale price, cost of finance, etc.)
4. All of this means reduced risk of wasted time at detailed design stages
5. Automation of mapping processes eliminates time and cost to get started – anywhere in the world
6. Browser based application – no local deployment needed
7. Our goal: accelerated rollout of the right thermal networks in the right places, leading to carbon emissions reductions.

# Try THERMOS yourself

- Project website: [www.thermos-project.eu](http://www.thermos-project.eu)
- Training materials and videos: [www.thermos-project.eu/resources/publications/  
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