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Decarbonising Blocks of Flats

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Fabric considerations
- District heating through centralised energy centre with air source heat pumps
- Shared rooftop PV
- Expansion for wider district heating



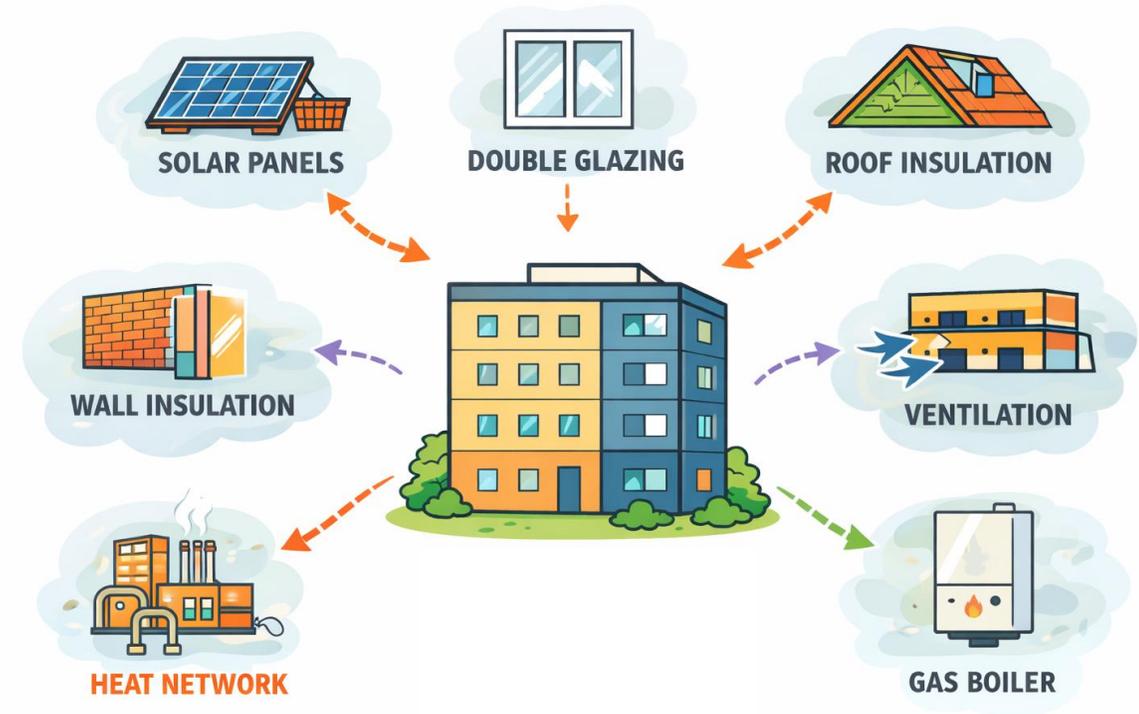
Introduction & Project Scope

- Anonymised case study
- Net Zero Target & carbon emissions reduction
- Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (EPC C or better)
- Alleviate fuel poverty
- Value for money
- Future proofing

Retrofit Options



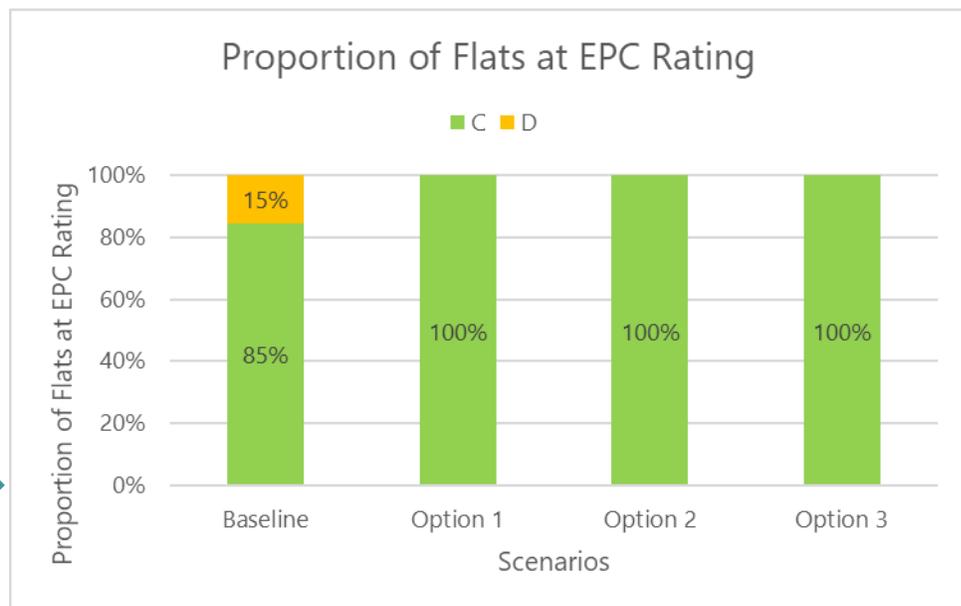
Retrofit Measures	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Life Expectancy of Measure (Years)
Fabric Efficiency				
Undercroft (Under floor insulation – UFI)	✓	✗	✓	42
Window	✓	✓	✓	20
Solid Door	✓	✓	✓	30
Glazed Door	✓	✓	✓	20
Heating System				
New Gas-fired boilers	✗	✗	✓	16
Heat network (Heat Generator: ASHP)	✓	✓	✗	40
Renewable Power Generation				
Solar Photovoltaics (PV) with SolShare	✓	✓	✓	25
Discounted Measures				
Roof	✗	✗	✗	20
Wall (External or Internal insulation incl. party wall)	✗	✗	✗	36 - 42
Ground floor (Solid floor insulation – SFI)	✗	✗	✗	42



Retrofit Cost for One Block

	Retrofit Option 1	Retrofit Option 2	Retrofit Option 3
Capital Cost	£2,910,000	£2,900,000	£900,000

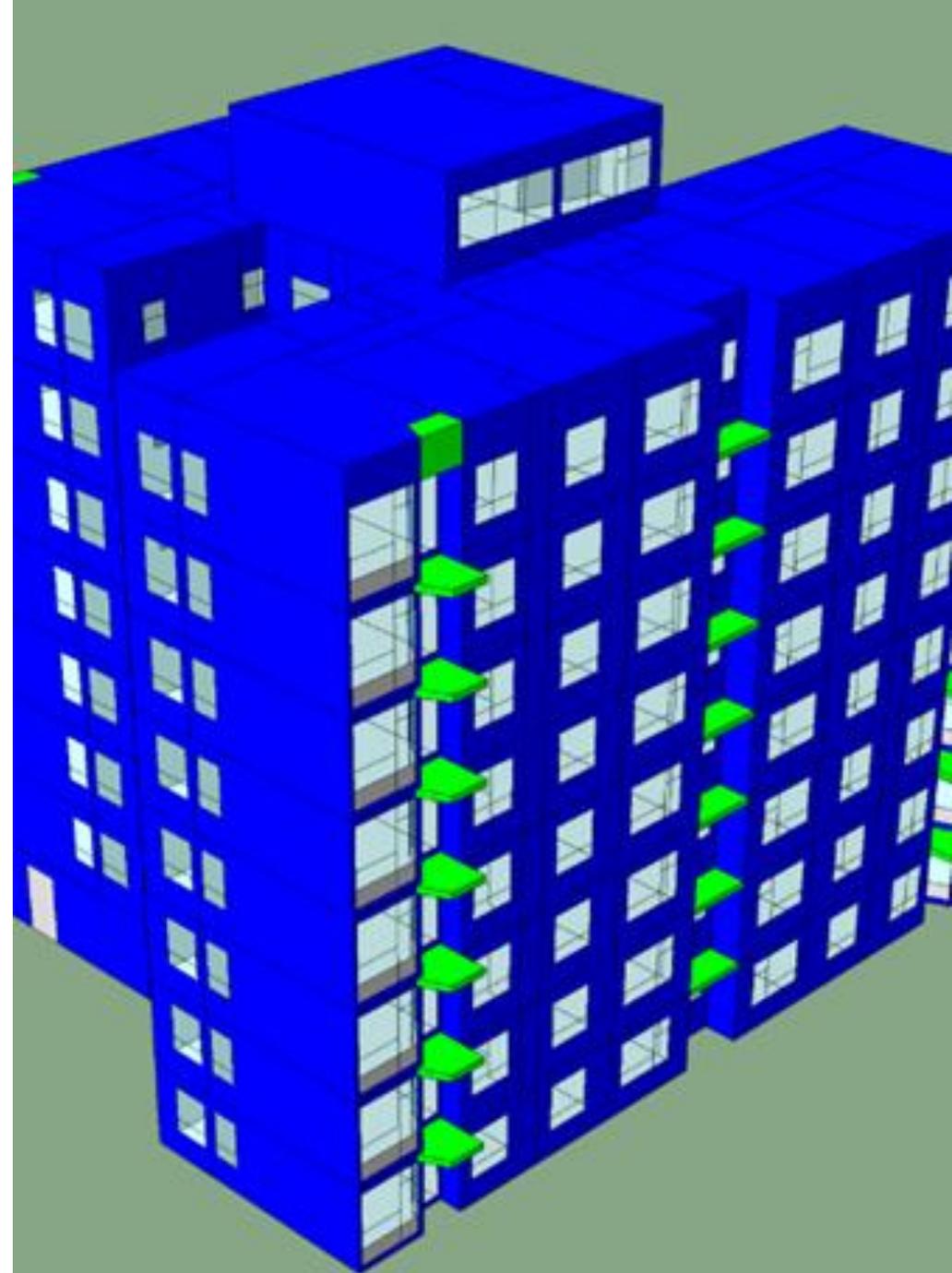
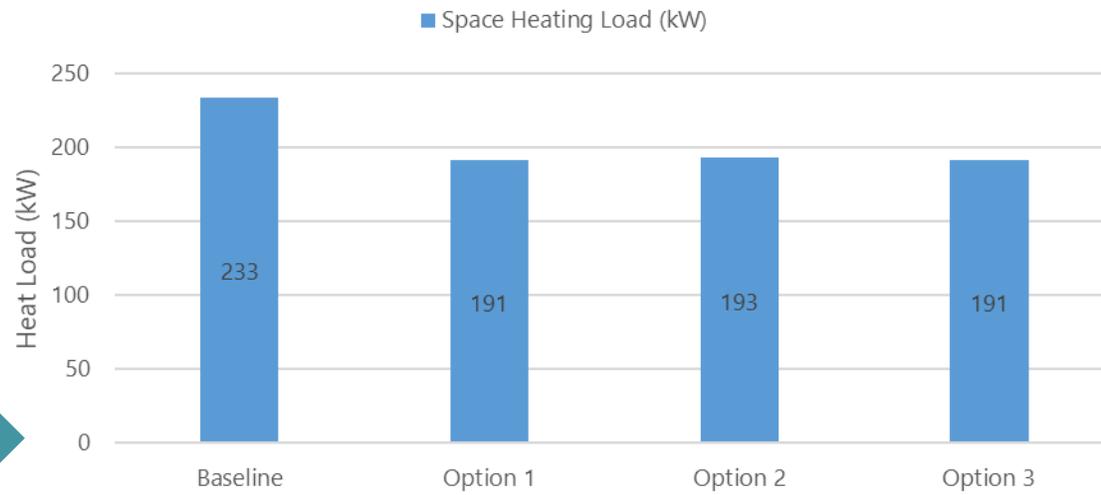
EPC Rating



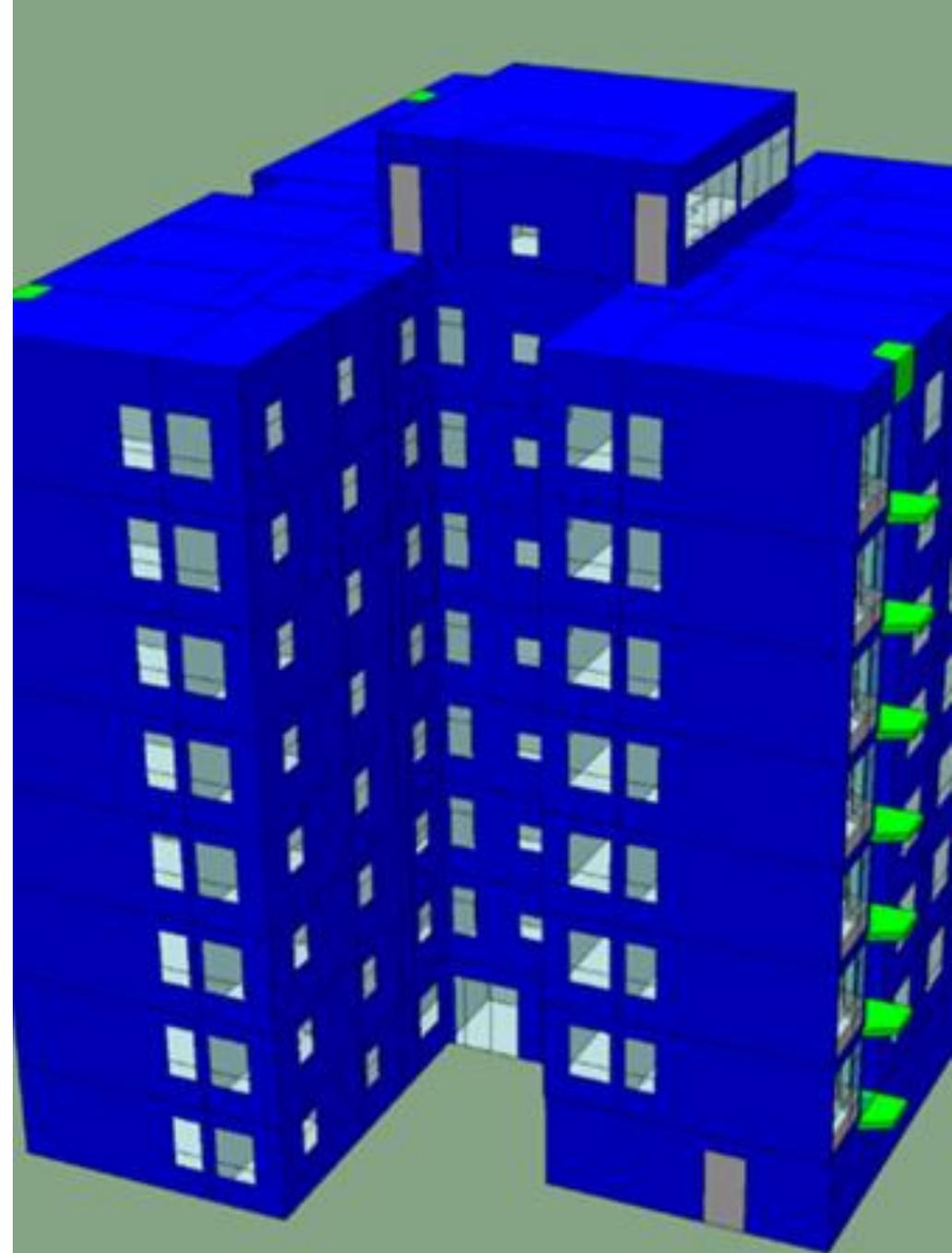
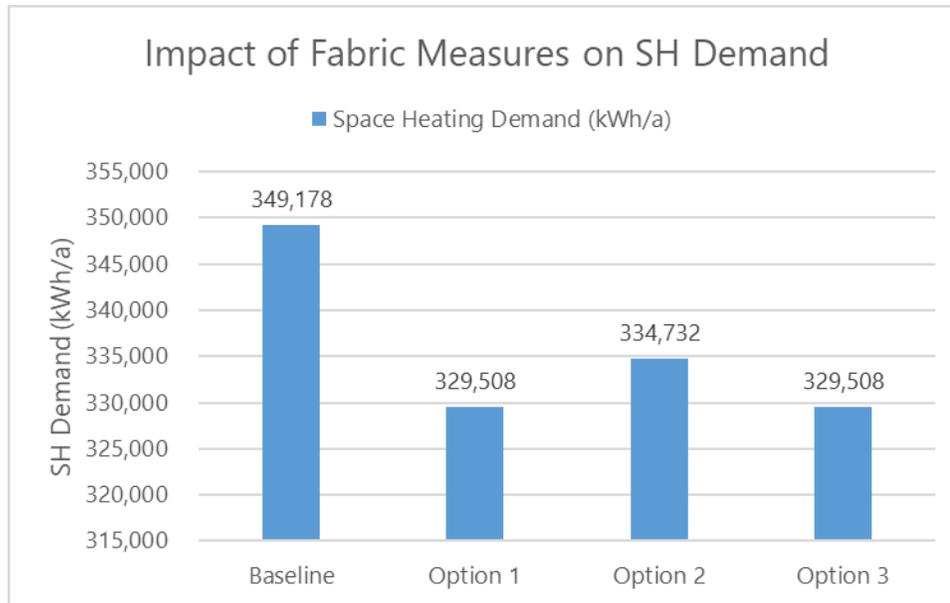
Score	Energy rating
92+	A
81-91	B
69-80	C
55-68	D
39-54	E
21-38	F
1-20	G

Thermal Modelling

Steady-State Space Heating Load



Ventilation Upgrades



Heating System Efficiency

Heating System	Existing Gas-fired Boilers	Heat Network (ASHP)	New Gas-fired Boilers
	Baseline	Retrofit Opt. 1 & 2	Retrofit Opt. 3
Space Heating η	89%	320%	89%
Water (DHW) Heating η	89%	253%	89%

Radiator Capacity Check

	Gas-fired Boilers	Heat Network (ASHPs)
Flow temperature (°C)	80	55
Return temperature (°C)	60	35
Room design temperature (°C)	20	20
Mean water-to-air temperature Δt (°C)	50	25
Heat Emitter	Radiators	Radiators



Radiator Capacity Check

Bedsit

Heating System	Existing Gas Boiler (80/60°C)	Heat Network (55/35°C)	Heat Network (55/35°C)	New Gas Boiler (80/60°C)
Room	Baseline	Retrofit Opt. 1	Retrofit Opt. 2	Retrofit Opt. 3
Bathroom	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Circulation				
Kitchen				
Studio	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE



2-Bed

Heating System	Existing Gas Boiler (80/60°C)	Heat Network (55/35°C)	Heat Network (55/35°C)	New Gas Boiler (80/60°C)
Room	Baseline	Retrofit Opt. 1	Retrofit Opt. 2	Retrofit Opt. 3
Bathroom	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
Bedroom 1	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
Bedroom 2	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
Circulation	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE
Cupboard 1				
Cupboard 2				
Cupboard				
Boiler				
Kitchen	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Living	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE



Shared Rooftop PV

Facts and Figures



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Typical SAP score increase



**£1,500-
3,500**

Typical fully installed costs per apartment

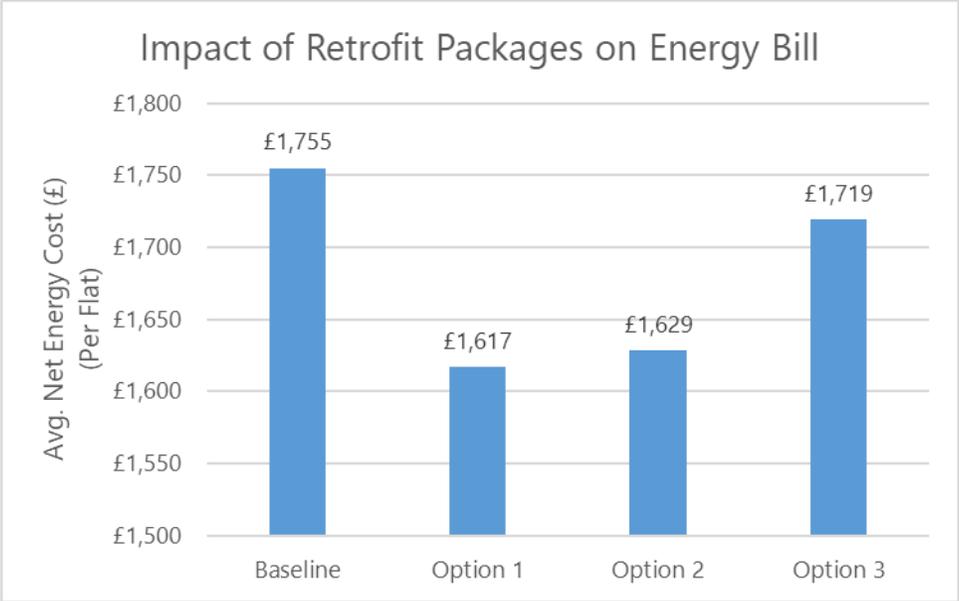


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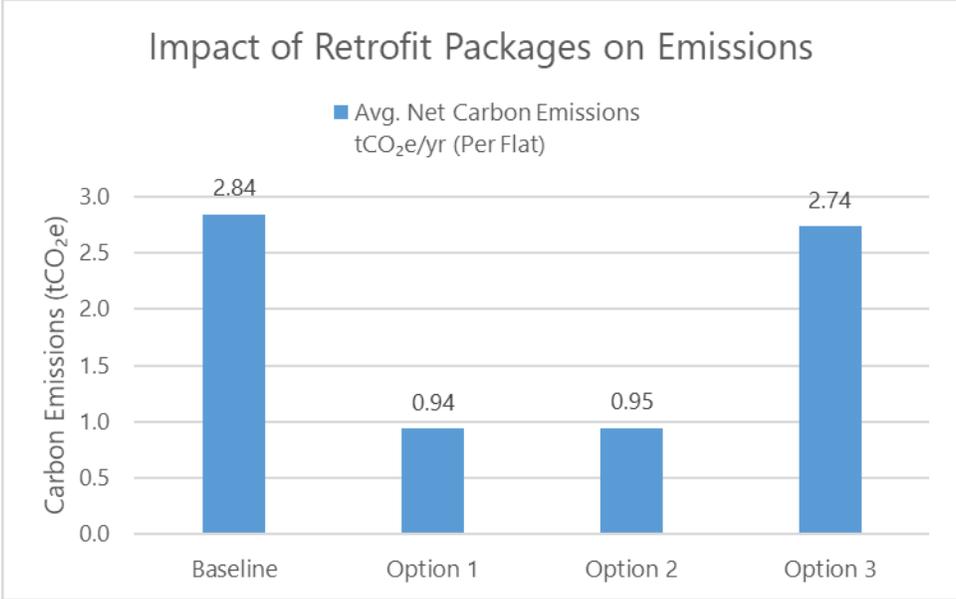
Typical bill savings



Tenant Energy Bill (per Flat)



Tenant Carbon Emissions (per Flat)

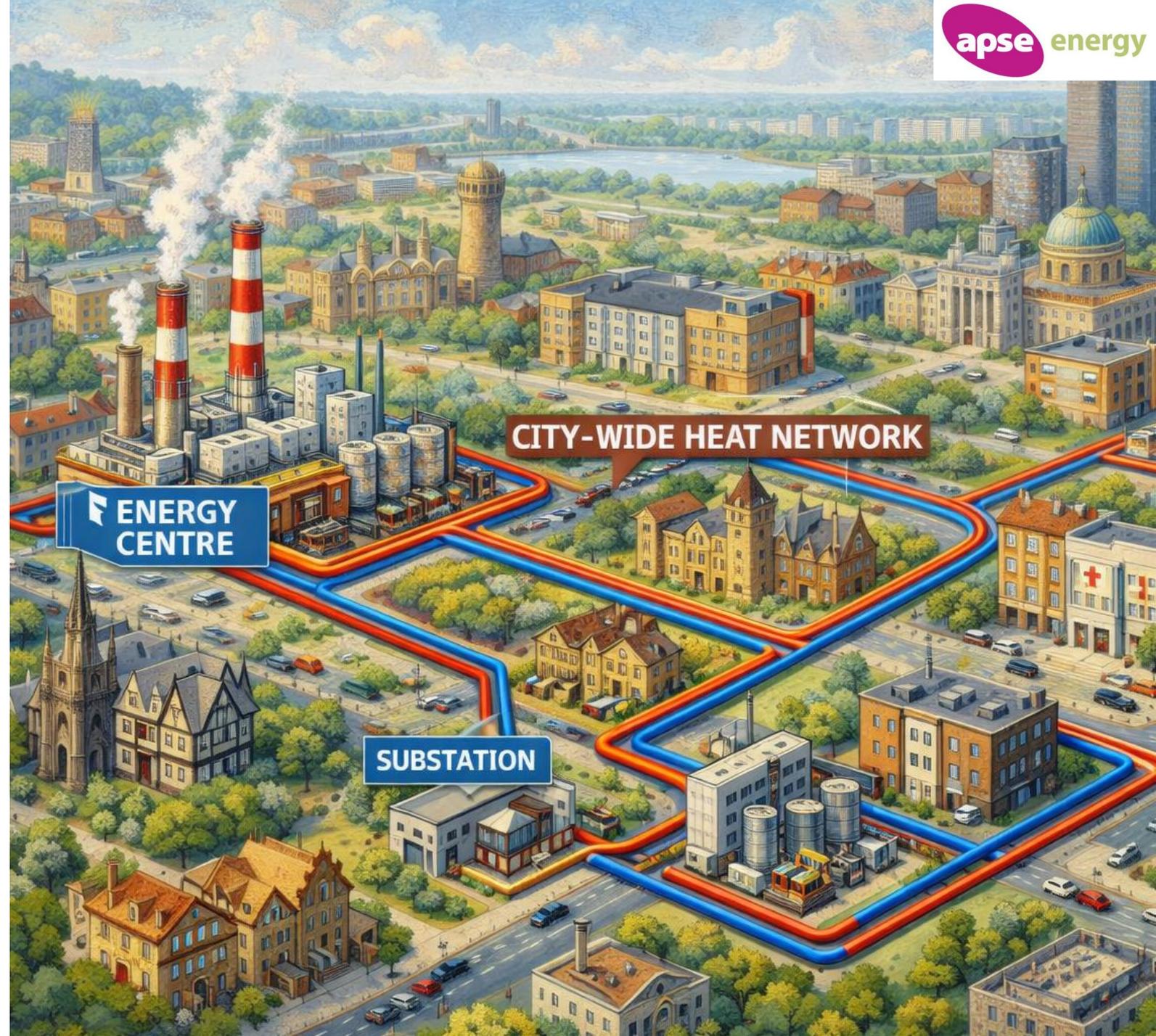


City Wide Heat Network

- Close to industrial estate
- Historic city centre is one mile away

Funding Opportunities

- Heat Network Delivery Unit (HNDU)
- Green Heat Network Fund (GHNH)



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Next Steps

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