

WESTLEGATE

Aviva, like all FTSE companies, has no substantive or genuine interest in the business of peace or sustainability. Here in Norwich, the St. Stephens area has been effectively landbanked by Aviva.

To illustrate just one part of the City Council's unsustainable planning 'vision', the (mostly) empty office blocks are transformed here into zero-carbon, affordable and single person/student accommodation.

Imagine a complex of new, solar PV-powered tower blocks housing students and the homeless (including Syrian and Iraqi war refugees whose homes will be forever blighted by phosphorous and remnants of cluster bombs).

Unlike the proposals for the unsustainable 'Generation Park' development in Trowse, the transport and social infrastructure for St. Stephens is broadly in place. And the site is not on the flood plain. Surely Maurice Tulloch would champion such a development?

In the image, the recently refurbished, renewable energy equipped 'Westlegate' tower has been superimposed on the existing buildings to illustrate and symbolise both the scale of sustainable investment needed to support young people and what such a community-focussed retro-development might look like. It is scandalous that local politicians endlessly proclaim the unique character of Norwich, whilst allowing the planning bureaucrats to burden the city's vibrant independent sector with unsustainable consumerism.