

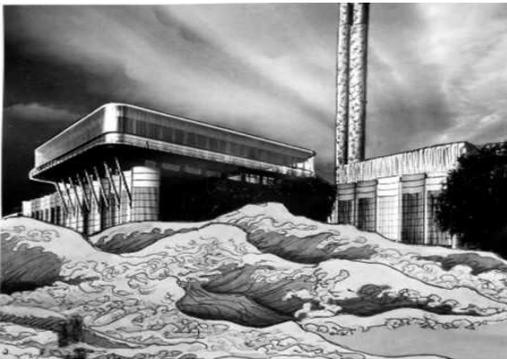
THE FORUM

This image illustrates the disruption being contemplated by the Forum Trust, which has indicated that it wants to be a heating customer of the ill-conceived District Heating System currently being proposed by Norwich Powerhouse

The plans for the system are unclear and are dependent on the approval of a new straw pellet burning energy plant at Trowse. The most contemporary building in the 'Norwich 12'. It has always been one of Norwich's missed opportunities. The original 'Technopolis' design has the dubious honour of being the National Lottery's proposal most objected to.

The Forum building could so easily have been the City's first major renewable energy generation project; a genuine celebration of community life and a demonstrator of 21st century vernacular architecture, expressing optimism for a future that works without waste and pollution. The better the design and construction of a building, the less fuel is needed to provide warmth and electricity. Energy is a both a vital design and infrastructure issue – and not simply a commodity issue

Local renewable energy generation is a vital way of reducing fossil fuel use, reducing CO₂ emissions and lowering fuel bills. The faster the central electricity distribution system can be localised (approximately 1/3 of UK energy is lost directly from large power stations and via electricity pylon transmission) the sooner the UK will have a sustainable energy network.



Object to Generation Park Norwich by writing to Cllr. Mike Sands, Norwich City Hall, St. Peters Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH.

(suggested text) Dear Cllr. Mike Sands

In terms of energy generation the current business-as usual trajectory already commits us to over 2°C warming – a threshold scientists have described as being between “dangerous” and “extremely dangerous” – within decades.

It is clear that a complete transformation of the energy sector is needed, driven by strong climate policies, both nationally and locally. It is vital that Norwich City Council aligns itself with activities and developments that genuinely deliver sustainable, renewable energy.

Burning straw pellets is extremely unlikely to deliver environmental, economic or social benefits for the people of Norwich. Instead the local disruption, unacceptable and unnecessary pollution and the misuse of public money subsidising the burning of straw should be opposed by the City Council. I therefore ask that you register me as an objector to the 'Generation Park' proposal.