

IMAGINE
this world
in 2050:



Will the lights go out?

distributed energy systems:
potential to supply 10-50% of the
£2.6bn we use now

regeneration or game-changer?
→ community ownership?
→ waste-energy nexus?
→ exportable social and engineering
technologies?

the new
optimists
forum



DIAGRAM: [what it takes to feed Birmingham](#)

BIRMINGHAM SUSTAINABILITY FORUM: [feeding the city](#)

& Birmingham is where
[happy] children eat [well]



what's past is prologue: what to come
in yours and my discharge

The Tempest Act 2 scene 1

eating as "social glue"

protein shortages

being smarter about using food:
buying less, eating less, wasting less

diet & health for individuals ...

the health of the whole
population ... and

its impact on social & civic
infrastructure



urban agriculture

urban horticulture ...

why bother?

mass transit systems

the psychology of time, travel &
intelligent design



ASSUME this world in 2050: Earth a min 2-4°C warmer + resource depletion + 9 billion people