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To govern is to choose.

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Napoleon Bonaparte

Priorities for action

Asset Owner

- Divest funds
- Buildings
- Fleet
- Staff practices

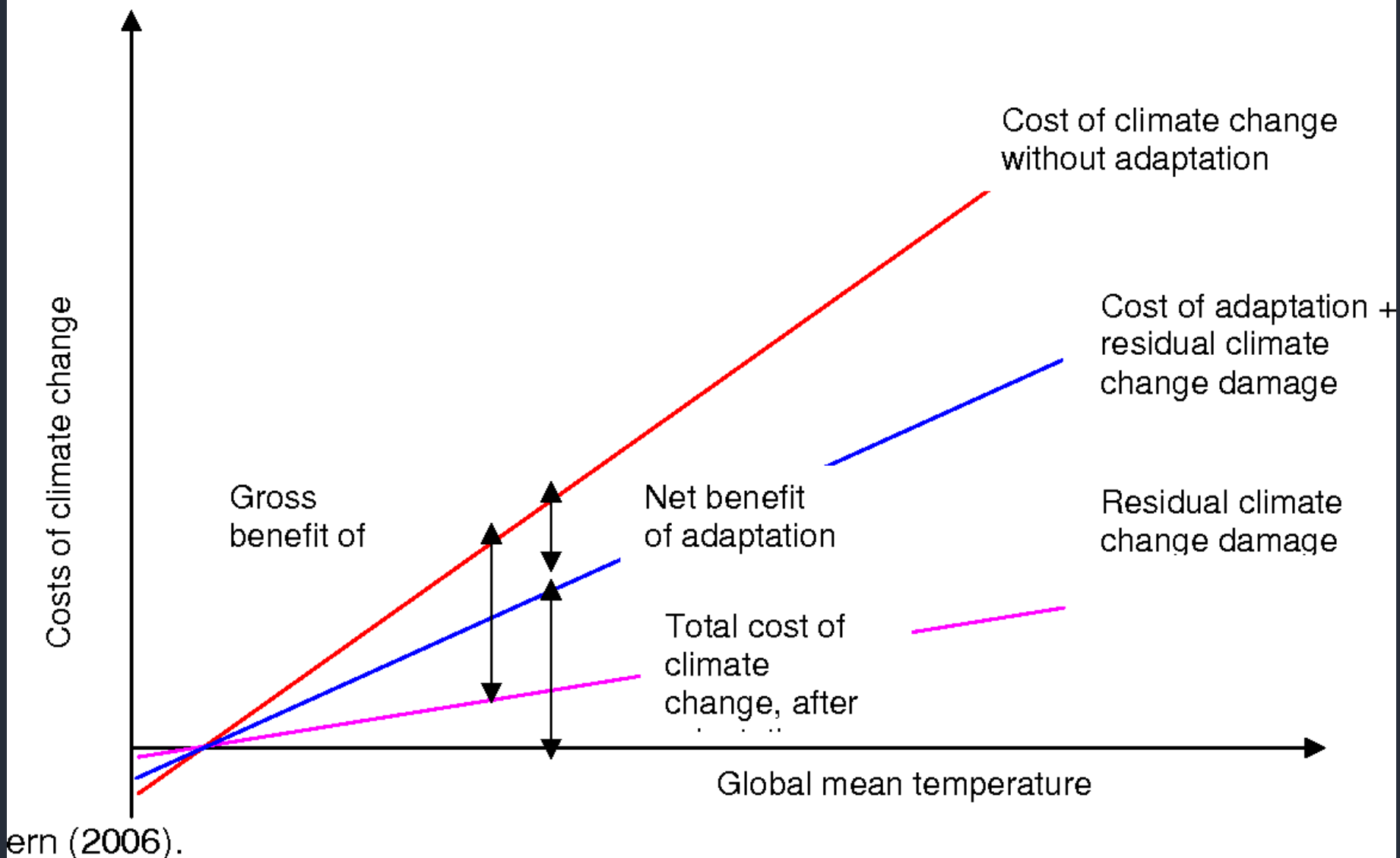
Service Provider

- Procurement
- Services

Community Leader

- Homes
- Businesses
- Transport
- Land use
- Other?

Figure 1: The costs and benefits of adaptation



Balancing Mitigation & Adaptation

- Both critical to reduce vulnerability to climate change
- No-regret', 'low-regret' and 'win-win' actions
- Synergies - natural environment, built environment, energy, transport
- Integrated communication approach

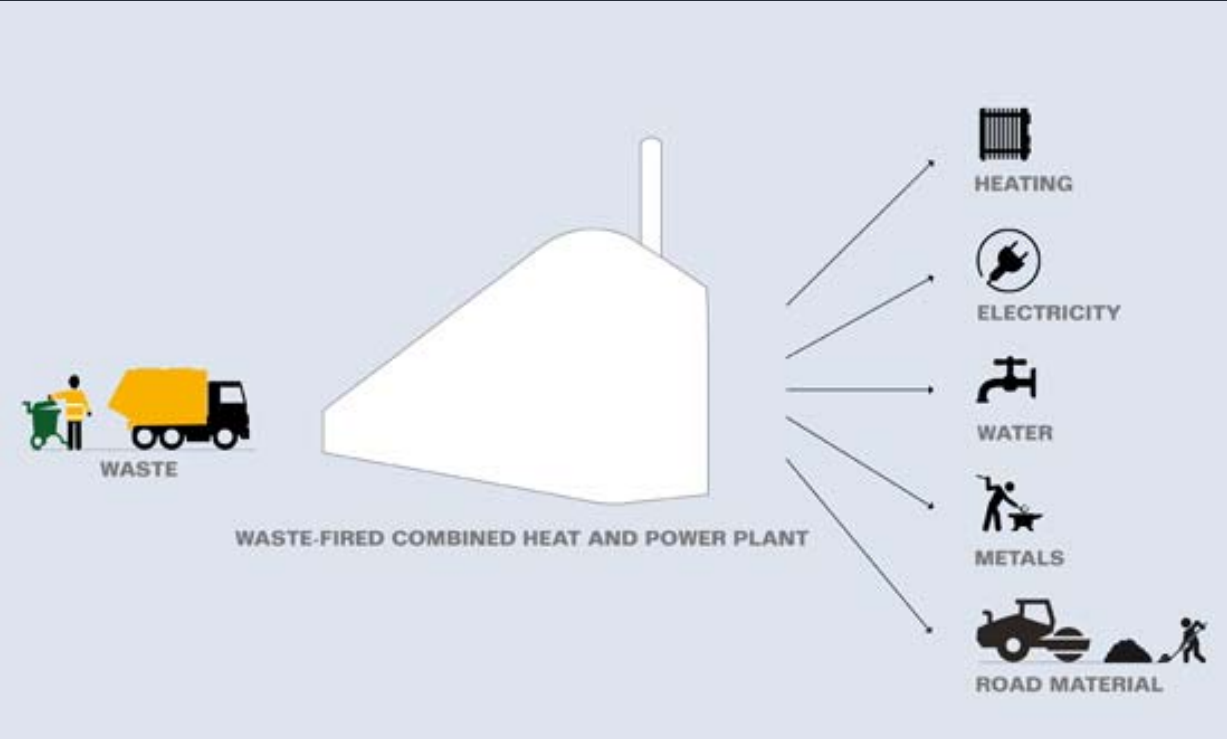
Is there such a thing as 'sustainable economic growth'?

- Benefits of clean growth are undeniable
- Is 'Green growth' possible? Higher GDPs, falling emissions. Why?
- "Degrowth" - difficult decisions ahead
- Heathrow decision, a sign of times to come?

Big asks for local councils

- Do the right thing, not the cheapest thing
- Own house in order - 'one council' approach
- Ensure policies align with climate goals
- Integrate, don't duplicate
- Capacity – who is going to do the work?
- Creative finance solutions
- Collaboration and consistency is key

Case Study: Waste to Energy





Surely we have a responsibility to leave for future generations a planet that is healthy and habitable by all species

Sir David Attenborough