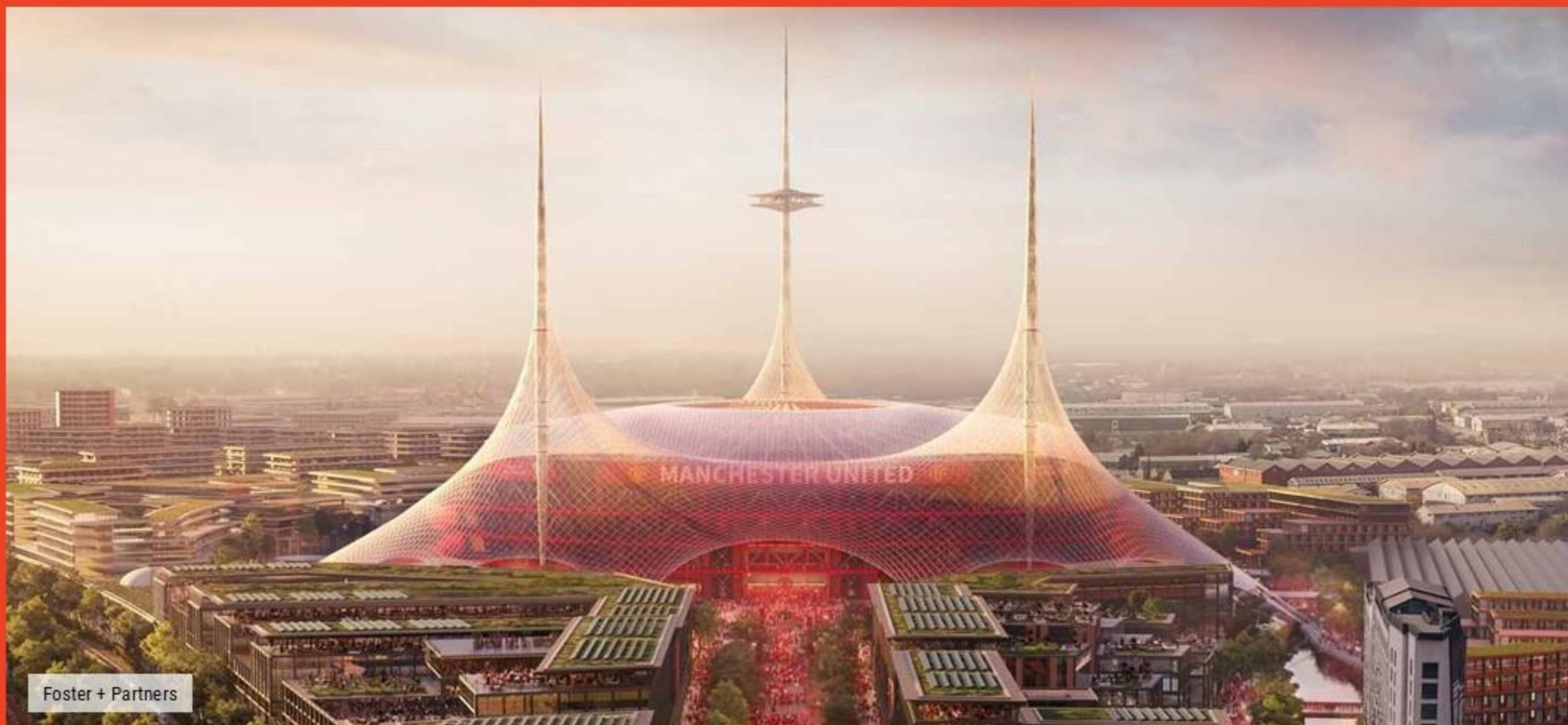


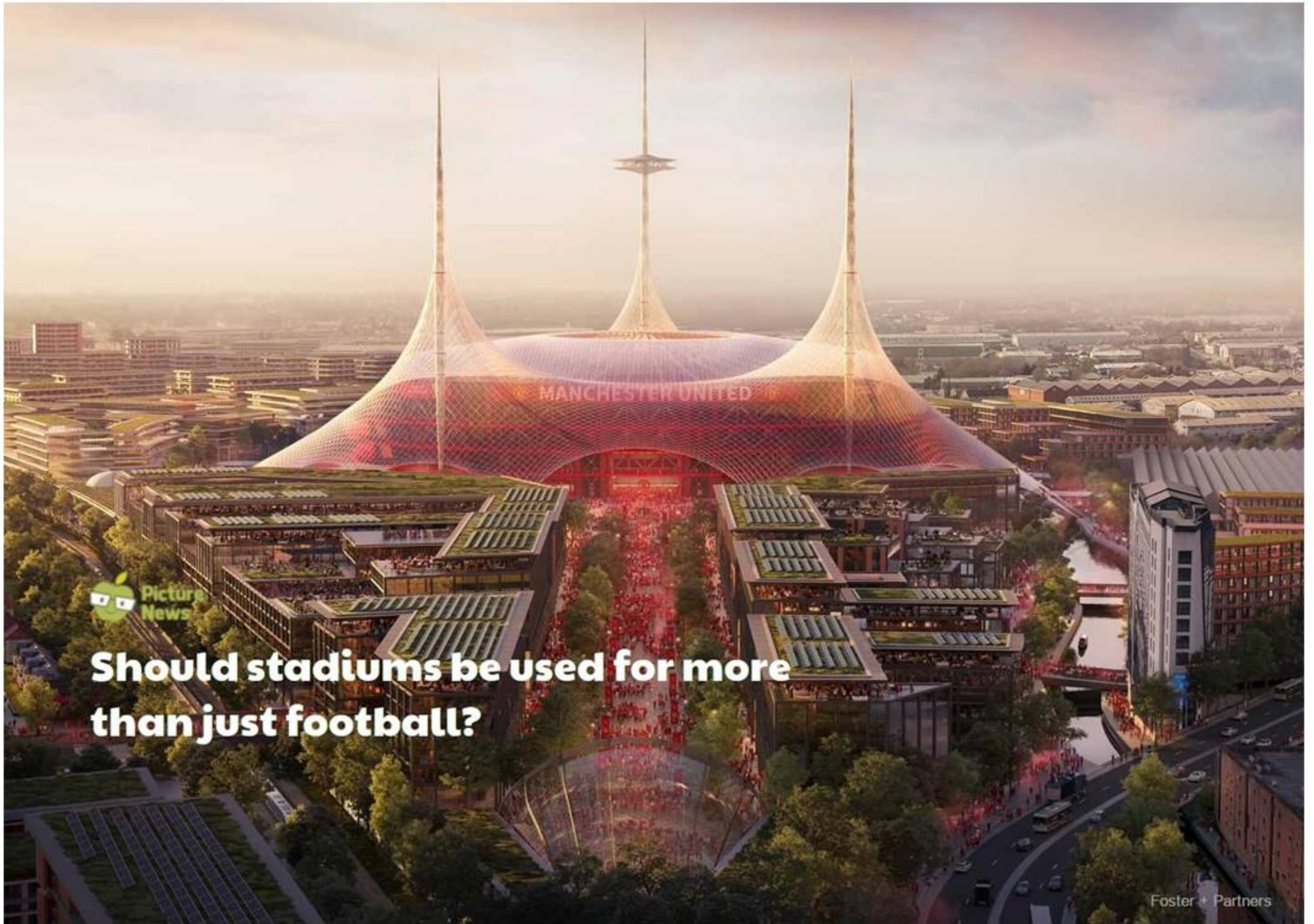
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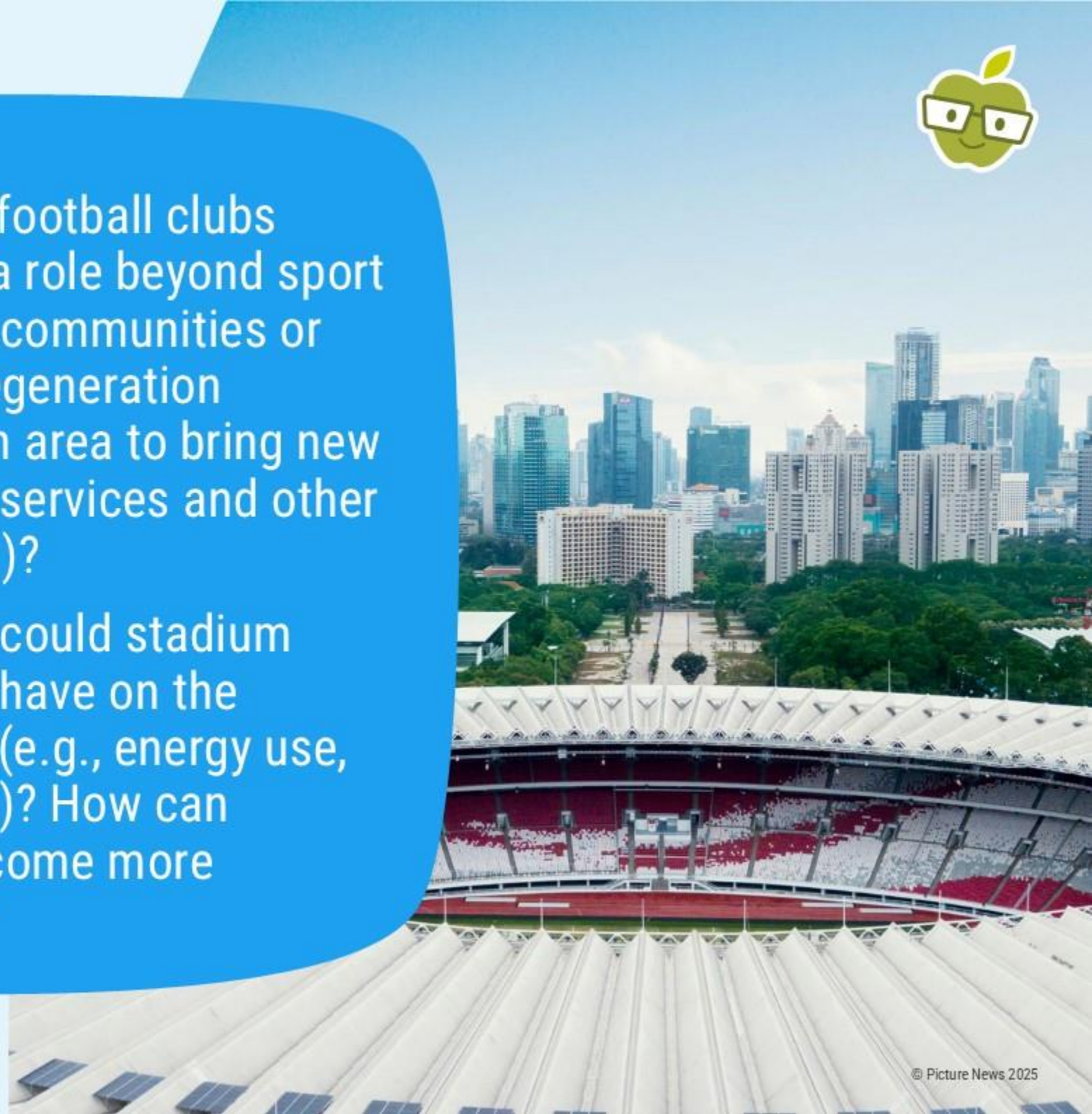
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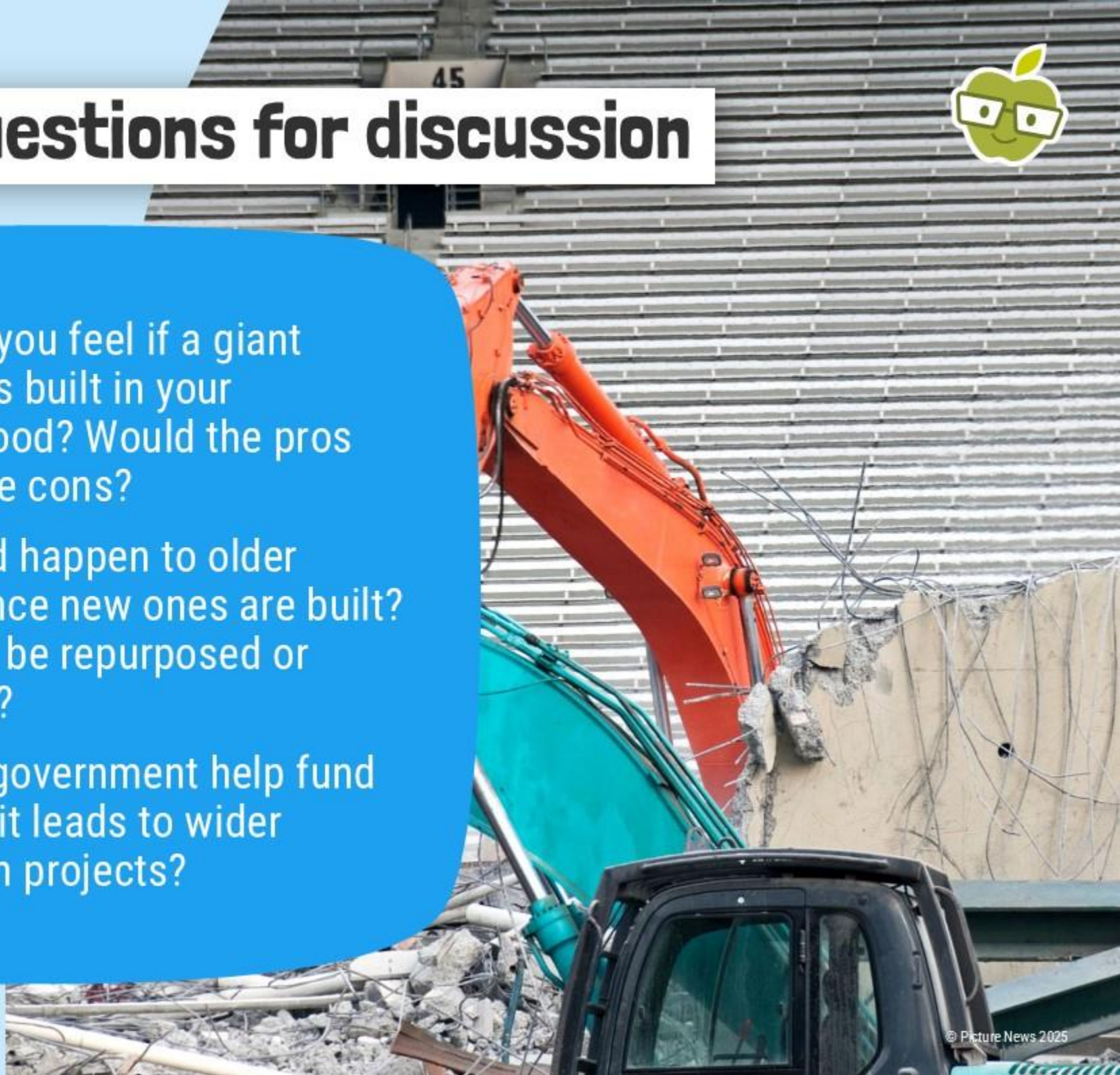
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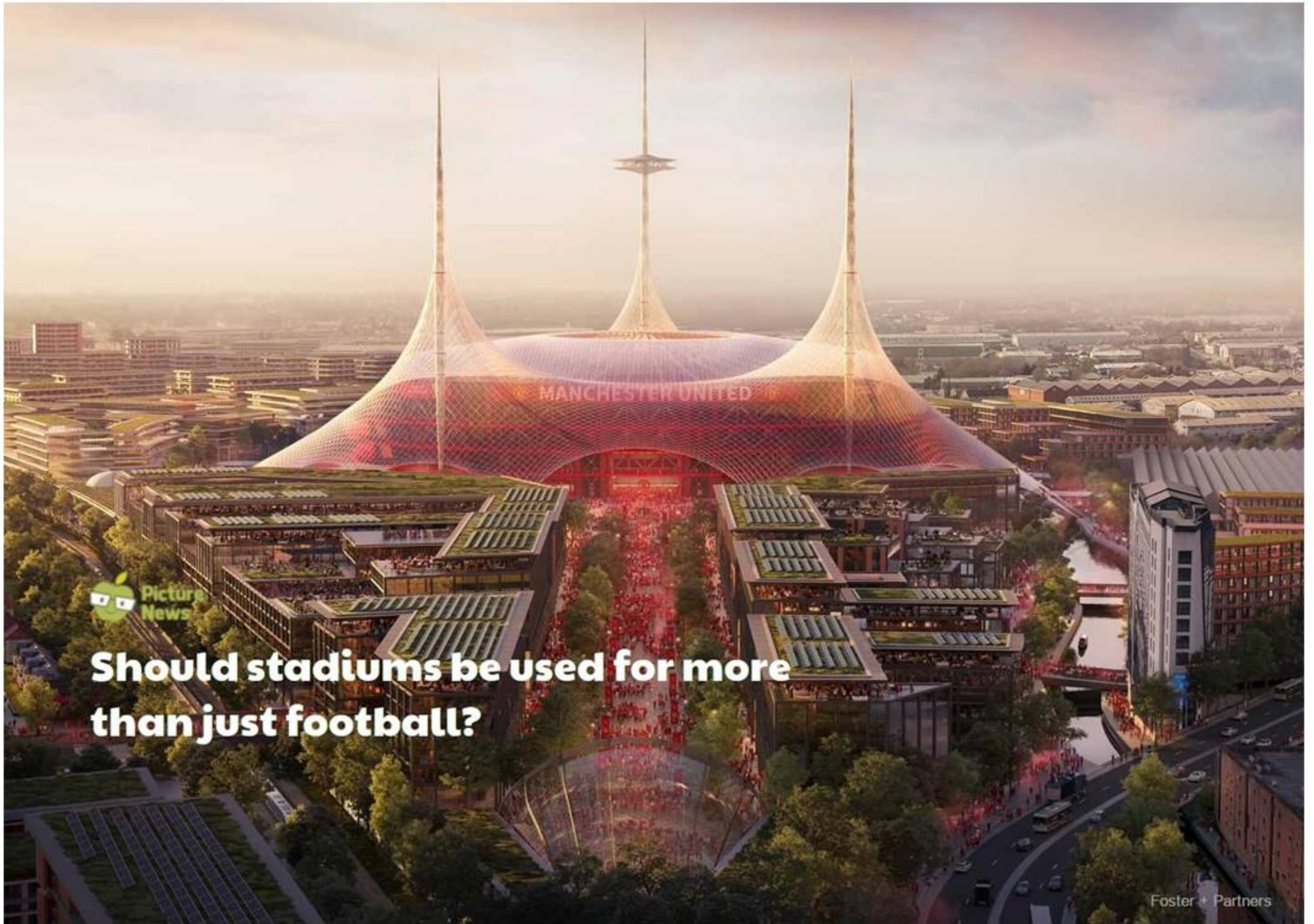
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Sex



Sexual  
Orientation



Age



Disability



Gender  
Reassignment



Marriage and  
Civil Partnership



Pregnancy  
and Maternity



Race



Religion  
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# UN Rights of the Child



Children have the right to share their views on issues that affect them, and for their opinions to be taken seriously. When young people speak up, it helps ensure that projects, such as the new stadium, benefit everyone in the community.





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