



Food Ethics Council

THE ONLY WAY IS ETHICS

Ethics and ethical tools: what, why and how?

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WHAT?

Several ways of thinking about (food) ethics

- The questions we should ask of our food and of our food systems
- Taking an ‘in the round’ approach, considering others
- Allowing everyone and everything to flourish

1. Argument



2. Consequences



3. Values



Ethical principles

Wellbeing

- we should do good and avoid doing harm
- utilitarian : ‘greatest good for greatest number’
- hard to define what counts, whose interests

Autonomy/ Freedom

- we should support freedom of action, identity of others
- concerned with relationships, such as duties and rights
- what people value about choice

Justice/ Fairness

- we should support fair opportunities and outcomes
- distributional justice hand in hand with ethic of care
- fairness in the processes of making decisions

Trade offs



Bottom lines

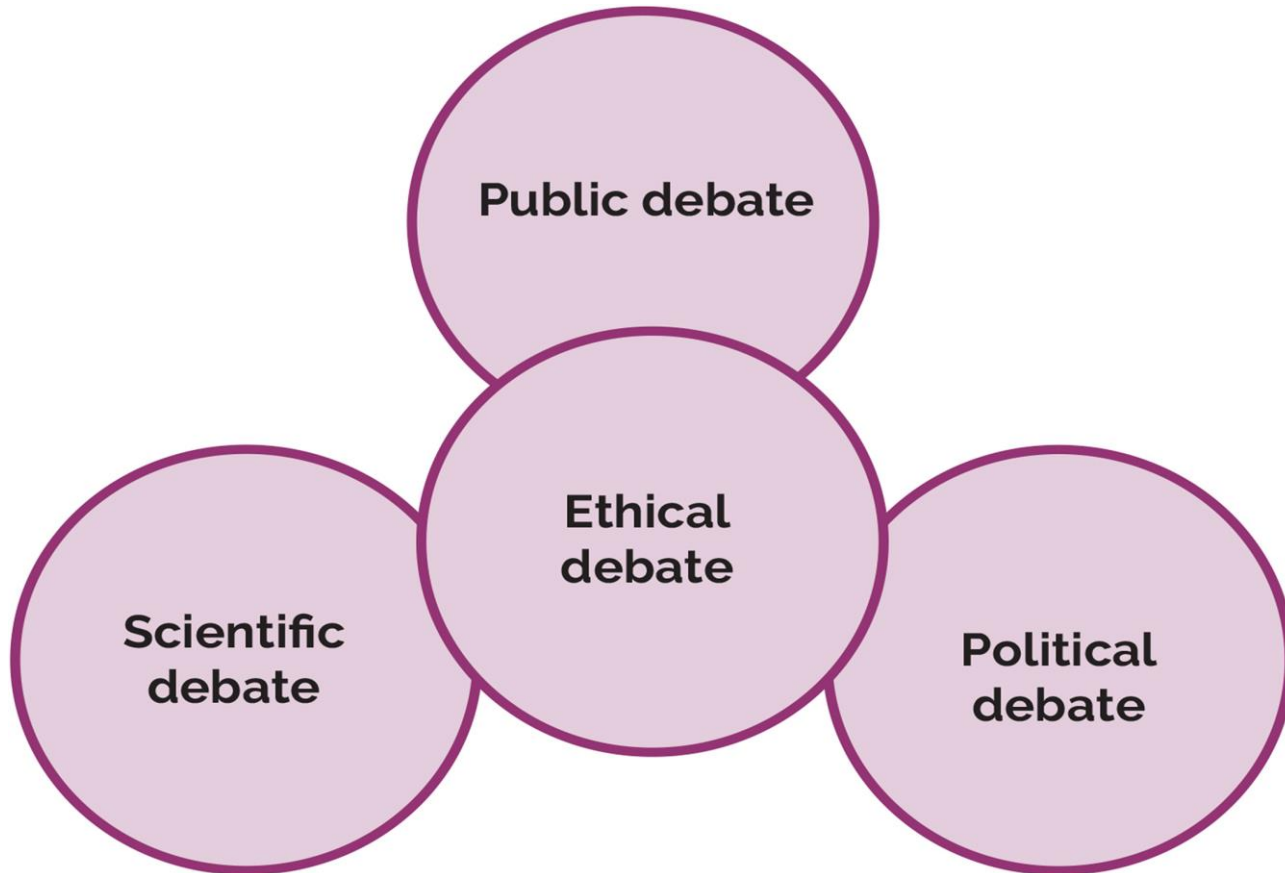


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WHY?

Ethical debate can unite & inform disparate areas of public debate

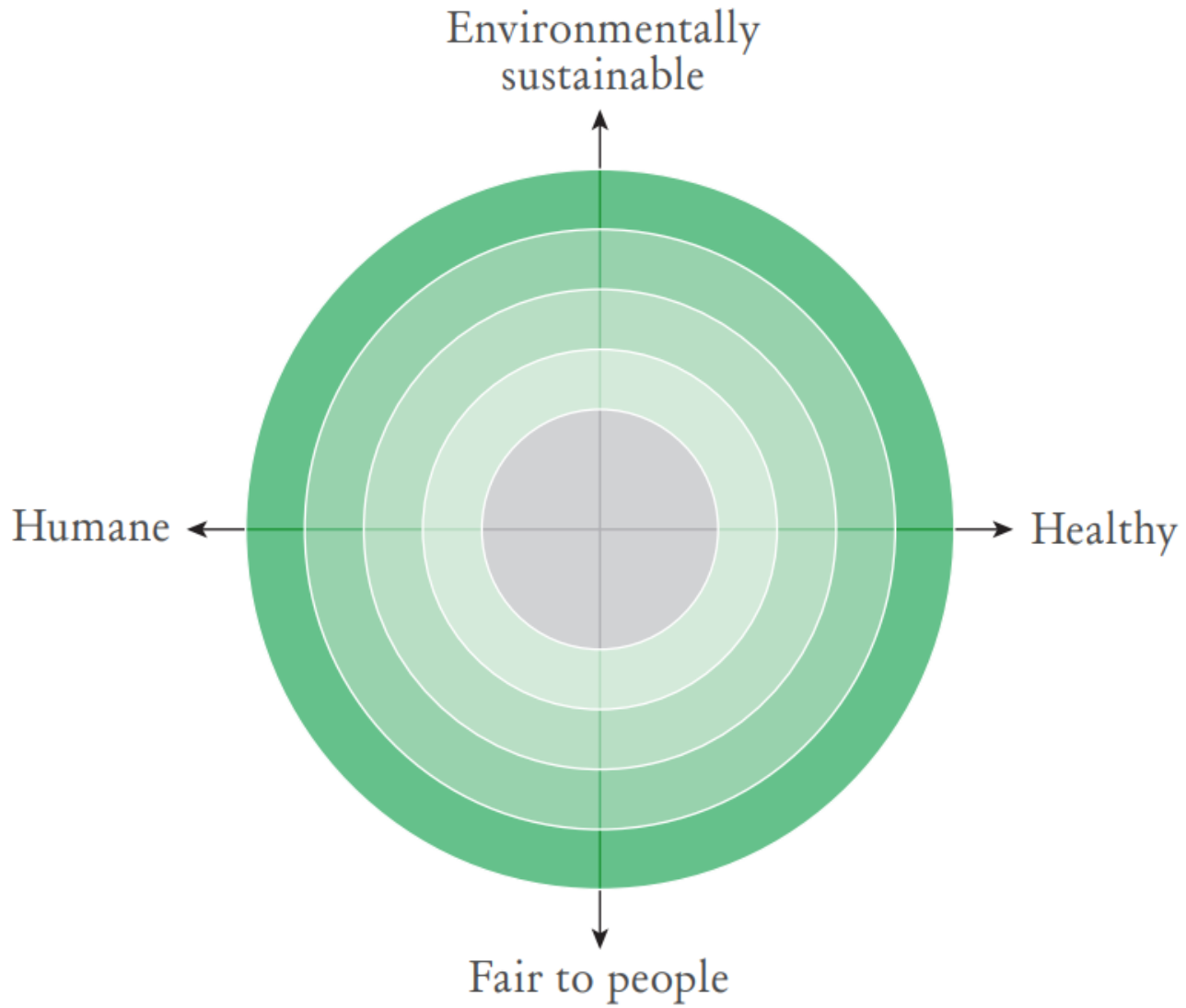




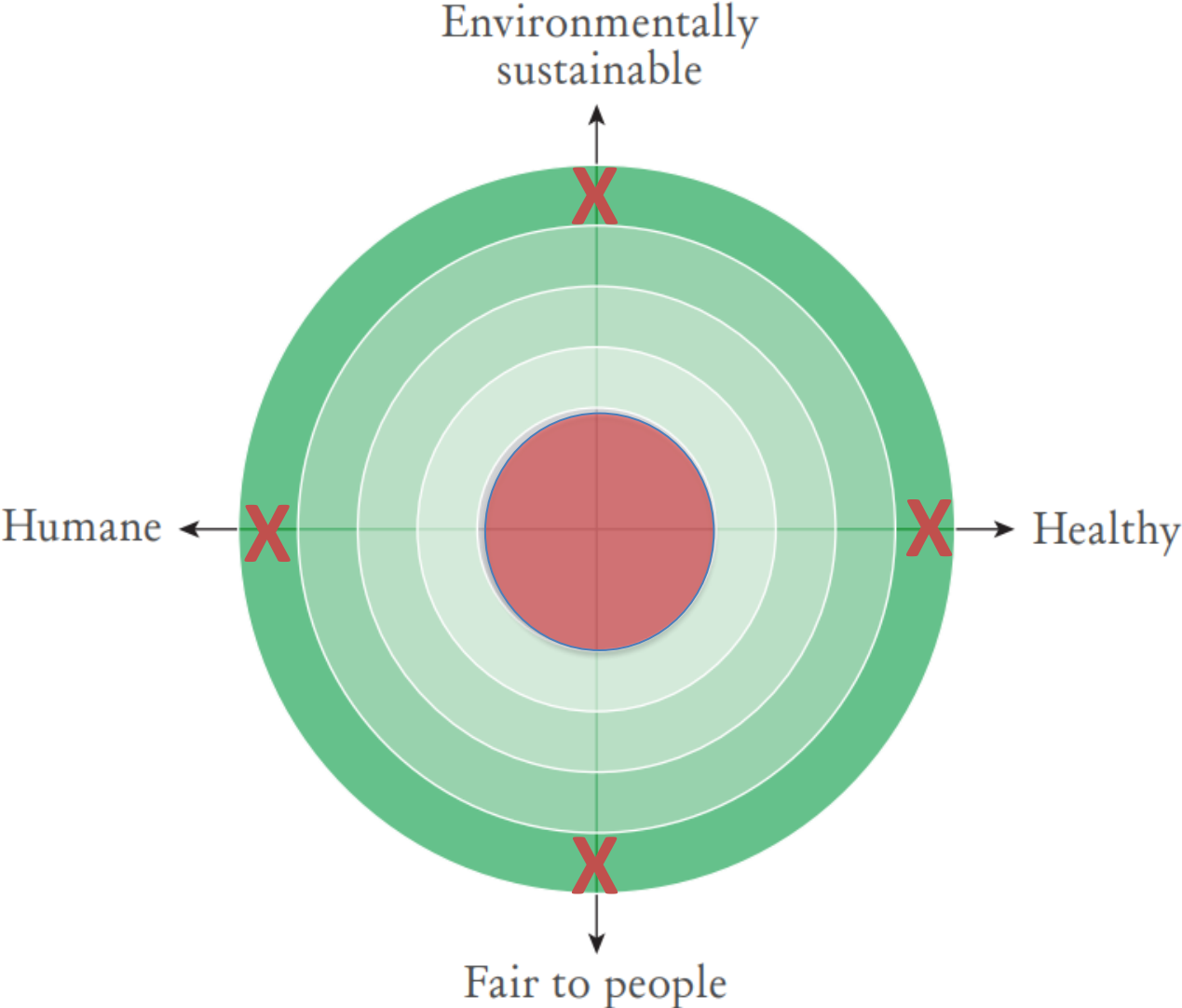
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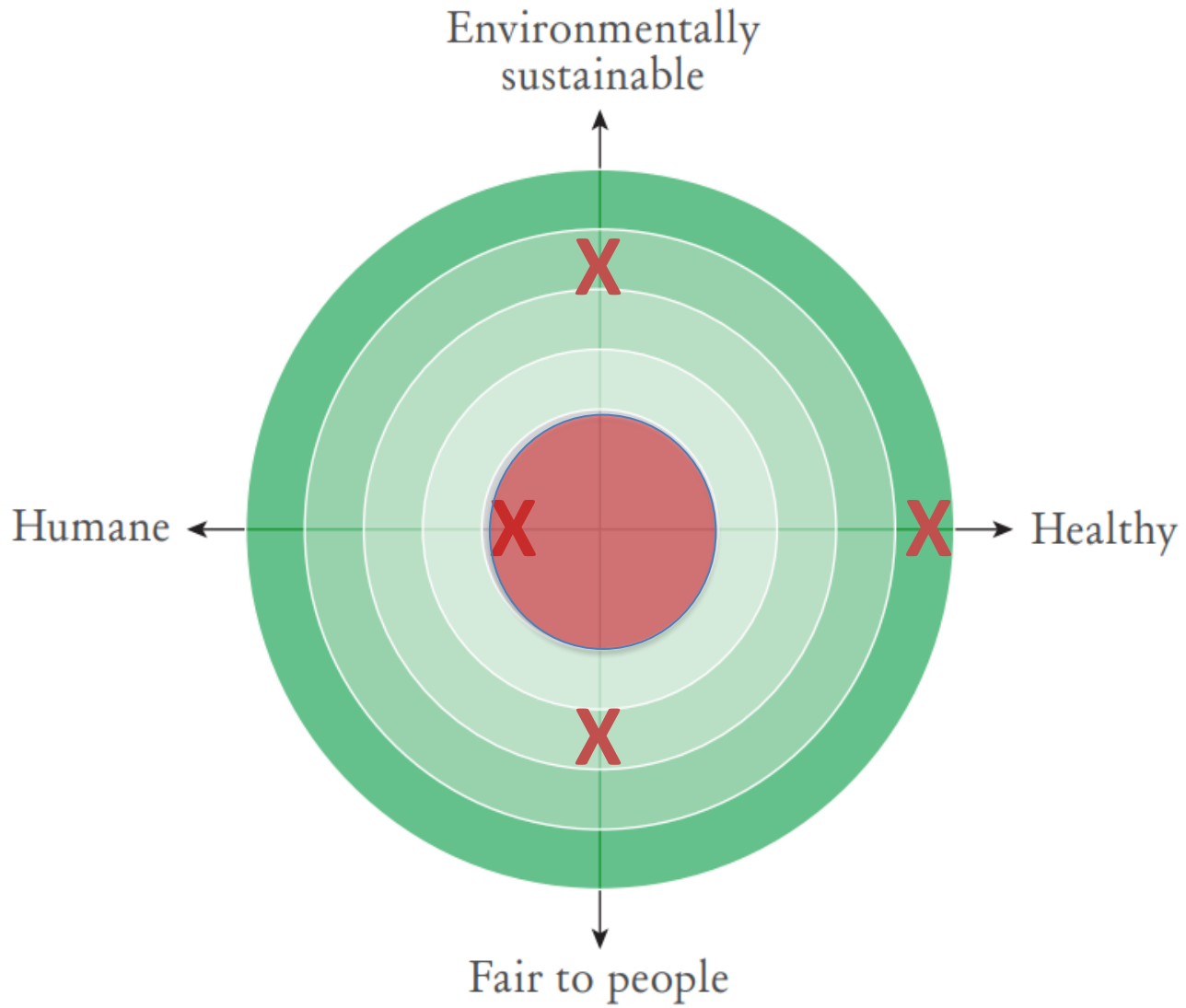


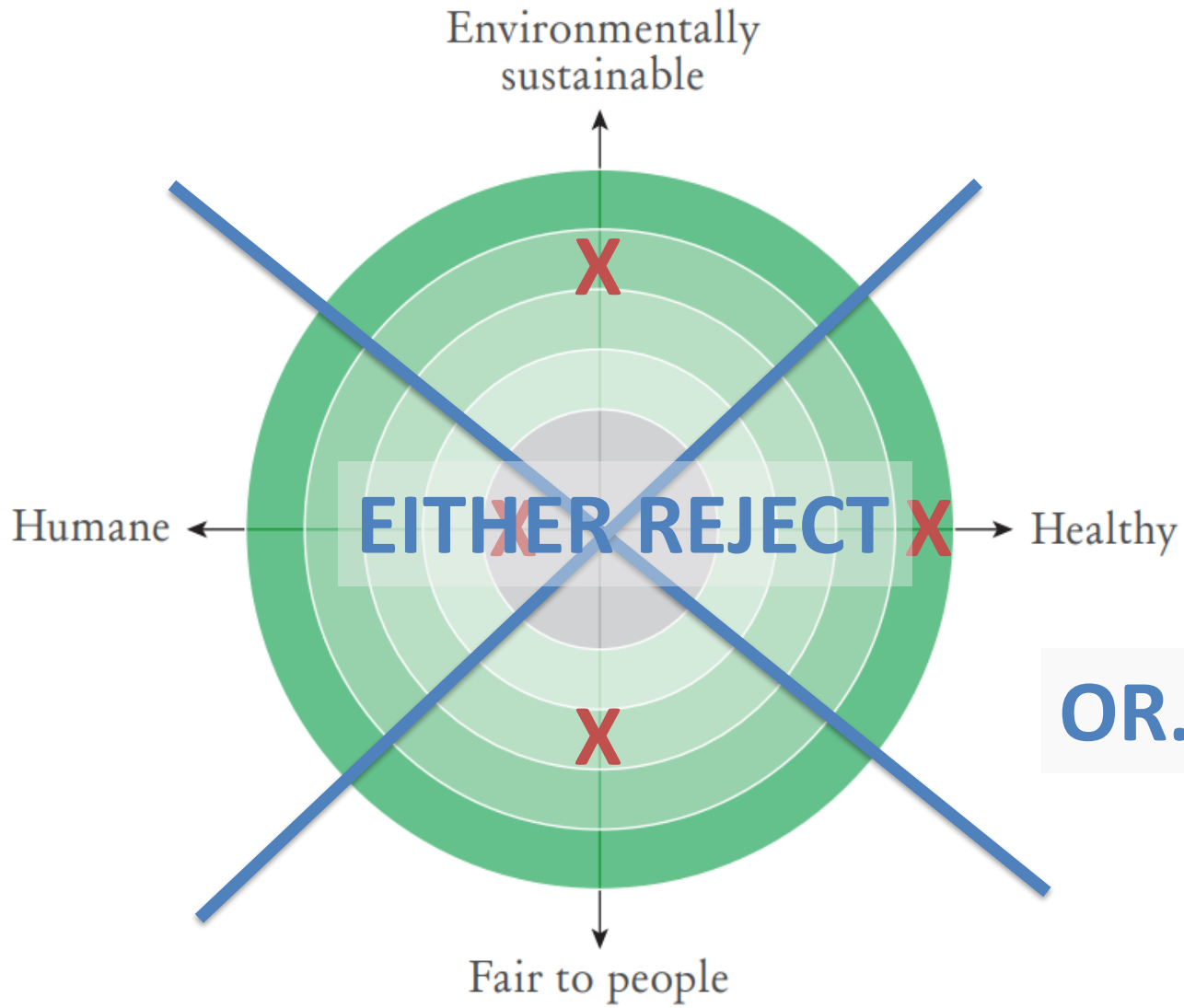
What should we do, all things considered?



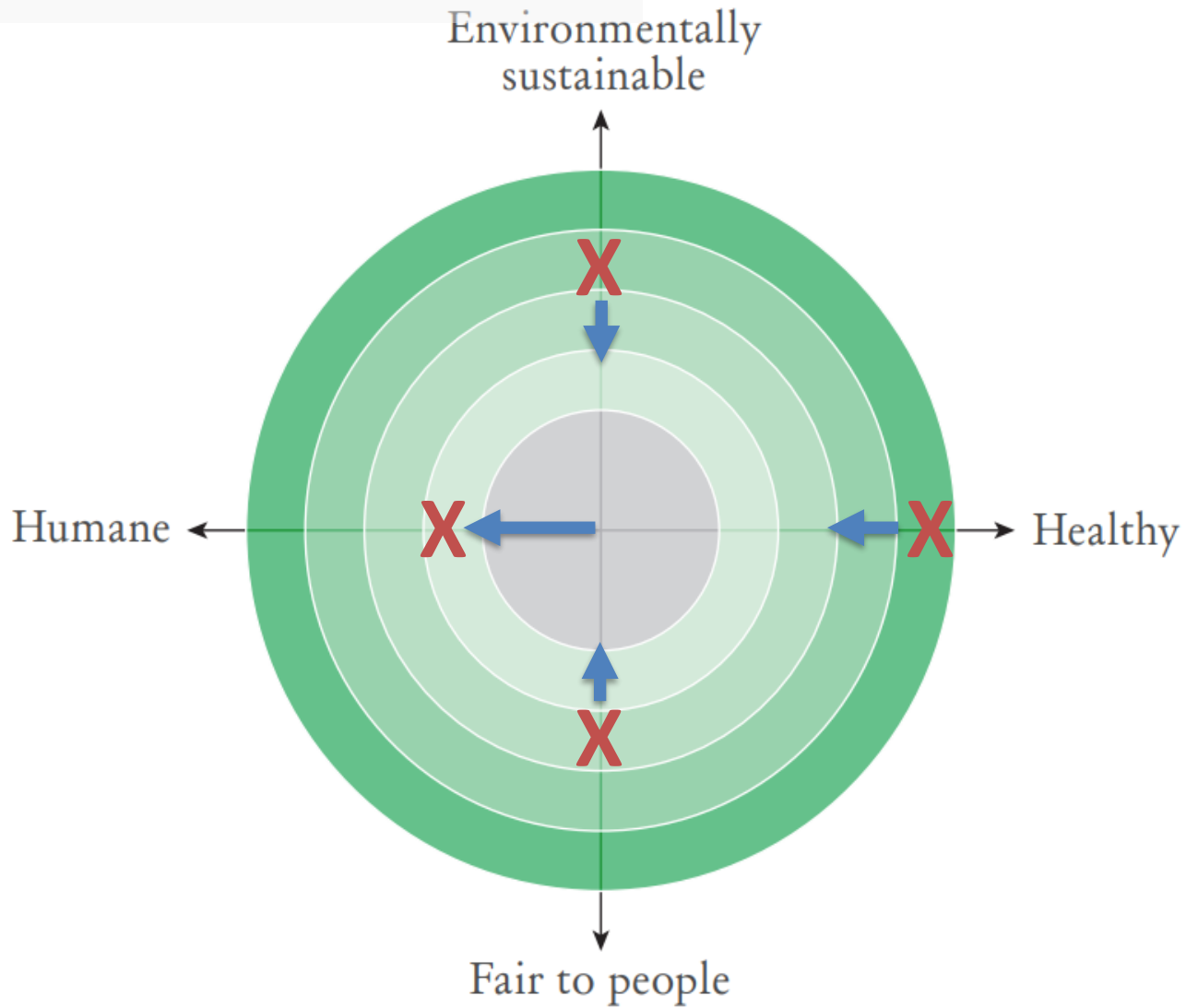
Aim: maximise +ve impact of a policy proposal 'in the round' and avoid the unacceptable







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