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|  | Network Innovation Competition 2021 Supplementary Answer form | | | |

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| Project Name | EQUINOX | | |
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| Question summary | In the first bilateral you explained that you would develop and own the APIs that suppliers would then use to communicate with you on a BAU basis. How will ensure that they are cyber secure? How will you ensure that they are suitable for suppliers and don’t present a barrier to supplier participation? | | |

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## Answer (please retain document formatting and do not exceed 2 pages unless otherwise agreed with Ofgem)

API’s have been used with Flexible Power since it was first developed under Project Entire. All participants in current procurements are able to use API’s or use the system directly. For this size of trial though and the potential for increased efficiency it makes sense to use API’s. Given experience to date on business as usual and innovation projects we are wholly confident that these API’s will be suitable and will not present a barrier to participation. Feedback for example on Intraflex (another NIA but on near real time procurement of flexibility) has been extremely positive about the ease that using API’s presents aggregators and flexibility service providers.