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| Network Innovation Competition 2021 Supplementary Answer form | | |

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| Project Name | EQUINOX | | |
| Question number | 13 | Pro forma section | 14 |
| Question date | 07/09/2021 | Answer date | 09/09/2021 |
| Question summary | How will you address the possibility that the winters in which trials are to take place will not include periods of intense cold likely to prompt customers’ use of supplementary heating (especially customers with heat pumps)? | | |

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

We recognise that intense cold conditions will likely have an impact on customer heating behaviour and associated flexibility that can be provided. We have purposefully designed the project plan to include three winter trial periods to ensure the results and findings cover varying winter weather conditions. If at the end of the trials, we have not experienced any intense cold spells, we will consider further research and simulation to determine how intense cold spells would impact the project learning.