LCNF Full Submission

Supplementary Answer Form

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Question:	We note that you state that you will engage with all retailers (suppliers) to ensure that competition in the market is not undermined. Can you set out exactly how you will ensure this. Will those customers engaged in the Home Demonstrator trial be able to switch supplier over the course of the trial?

Answer:	We have already invited all electricity retailers to take part in MK*Smart*2020. We will write to retailers again following award of LCNF funding for our projecty. The invitation will remain open so that they can become involved at any point in the project lifecycle. Competition for energy customers will therefore remain in the hands of the retailers. We will not discriminate between retailers. This commitment includes the tariffs and demand response opportunities for I&C customers. The 50 to 60 demonstrator homes are a unique proposition on a limited scale. The residents participating in this trial will have signed-up to two year leases that commit them to participation in the various areas of research including those that relate to MK*Smart*2020. We will be simulating time and location prices that reflect 2020 network and wholesale market constraints given anticipated levels of low carbon adoption. The council will re-charge the residents for energy consumption. The council will determine the exact

	billing process in conjunction with their chosen retailer.

Attachments:	