LCNF Full Submission

Supplementary Answer Form

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Question:	Academic partners and partners to assist in customer engagement are included as "other partners" rather than the top six key collaborators. Can you please provide the rationale for not including them in the top six?

Answer:	We have based our understanding on the following definition of External Collaborators provided by Ofgem, 'a non-DNO party that makes a contractual commitment to contribute equity to the DNO Project (e.g. in the form of funding, personnel, equipment etc.) the return on which is related to the success of the DNO Project.' Open University, Cranfield University, Milton Keynes Council and Milton Keynes Partnership do not, as we understand it, meet this definition. All these organisations are critical to project delivery and will be bringing unique and essential skills and capabilities but they are not contributing equity directly to the project (we felt that calculating the contribution attributable to using OU's established virtual engagement platform or the value of the Milton Keynes funded demonstrator homes would be stretching the definition). If we have misinterpreted your definition, we would be happy to define them as External Collaborators.

Attachments:	