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Supplementary Answer Form

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Question:	Project plan: can you explain why the research and analysis action does not start earlier than H2 2012?
Answer:	Our knowledge and dissemination strategy outlined in appendix 3 shows a comprehensive programme involving all parties as well as the wider industry in a number of ways to help with the effective dissemination of the knowledge gained and lessons at appropriate points during the project lifecycle. Accenture's smart grid leadership network as well the the Open University virtual engagement programme will start as early as the first half and the second half of 2011 respectively. Scale research and analysis activities will begin once the underlying solution is in place after an 18 month design, test and build cycle. Following go live (including the research portal which allows those outside of the project team to access pilot data), the teams from Open University and Cranfield University can start the analysis, create research papers and so on as detailed in the project plan lines 175-9. Prior to this we will be capturing lessons learnt from deployment activities. We do not believe it is appropriate to commence at scale research and dissemination activities until such time as there is a suitable amount of data to analyse.

Attachments:	