



# For the Change Makers

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# LoT-NET AB MC: WP4

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# Agenda

- **Scope and Update**
- Initial Transactive Energy Study
- Warwick Campus: a rather large “lab scale demonstrator of integrated technologies”
  - Net Zero Goals, the Energy & Infrastructure Strategy and workstreams
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# WP4: Determine key end use and business requirements for timely adoption

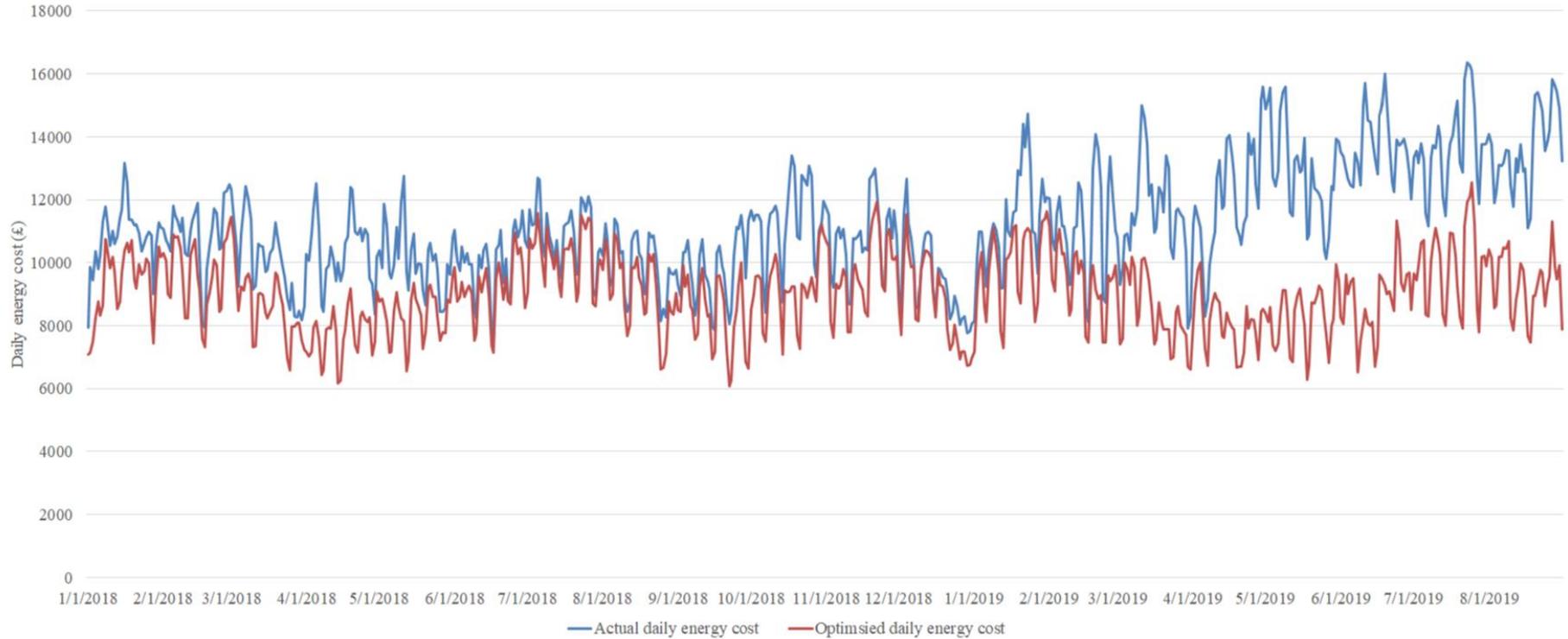
- **WP4.1: Understanding household priorities** [LDS Year 2]
  - Determine what a low-temperature network needs to deliver to users, including service requirements such as comfort, hygiene, affordability and barriers / enablers
- **WP4.2: From user requirements into technology design** [LDS Year 2-3]
  - Identify user requirements to inform technology development and design
- **WP4.3: Consumer engagement with low carbon heating and cooling** [LDS Year 2-3]
  - Determine information provision to assist consumers in their engagement with low-temperature heating and cooling systems and how this might impact on demand shifting
- **WP4.4: Energy transitions and competing for investment** [WBS Year 1, 4]
  - Low temperature networks as competing investments in the energy transition
- **WP4.5: Low temp heat networks as an innovation system** [WBS Year 2-4]
  - Assessing market penetration for low temperature networks as an innovation system requiring the cooperation and participation of a network of organisations along with policy and regulatory frameworks, standards and skills development.

# WP4: AB3/MC7 Update

- **WP4.1: Understanding household priorities** [LDS Year 2]
- **WP4.2: From user requirements into technology design** [LDS Year 2-3]
- **WP4.3: Consumer engagement with low carbon heating and cooling** [LDS Year 2-3]
  - WP4.1-3 pending LDS recruitment – update from Vicky
- **WP4.4: Energy transitions and competing for investment** [WBS Year 1, 4]
  - Y1 work: Competing Investments presented at AB2, further work on the collapse in O&G profitability completed
- **WP4.5: Low temp heat networks as an innovation system** [WBS Year 2-4]
  - Moved ahead early with a research programme oriented to large scale trials:
    - Concluded initial Transactive Energy study: Collaboration between WBS, WISC, Warwick's Estates and Fetch.AI
    - Warwick Campus: Low temperature heating plus cooling as part of a multi-vectoral, smart local energy system
      - More than the “lab scale demonstrators of integrated technologies” planned from Y3 onwards
      - Smart Square as the opportunity to develop a LoT-NET
      - Reassigning resources from lab-based research when halted by Covid-19
    - EnergyREV Rapid Reviews: Digital Energy Systems (published), Heating and Cooling (in progress)
  - PDRA recruitment
    - Revised focus on TE agreed at AB2. Recruitment delayed for a Q1 2021 start
  - Further awards, links with other programmes and dissemination
    - Blockchain for Europe Summit at the European Parliament, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2020: Blockchain Cooption in the Energy Space
    - ERA Seminar, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020: ERA: Towards Smart and Decarbonised University Campuses
    - Regional Energy Systems Operator: Detailed Design project for the Prospering from the Energy Revolution programme with Coventry, WMCA, etc.
    - IEA TCP on User-Centred Energy Systems: Global Observatory on Peer-to Peer, Community Self-consumption and Transactive Energy Models (GO-P2P)

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# Initial development of model-free, machine learning agents working on a virtual, transactive energy platform

- Uses multi-agent reinforcement learning to give a model-free, data driven approach
- AI agents representing key energy assets across the campus learn the optimal control policy from real-world historical data
- A virtual twin can then run alongside the real system to demonstrate the different energy management strategies that arise from the AI approach
- Initial scope: combined heat and power engines, thermal storage and the demand for heat and electricity
  - Over 200,000 data points across 16 sensors to give energy costing at the hourly level
  - During Jan 2018-Aug 2019: 18.5% reduction in energy costs, but CHPs have been down for repair in 2019!
  - During Jan 2018-Dec 2018: Cost savings of 12.8%
    - Cost of Gas increases 21.8%
    - Cost of electricity imported decreased 46.5%



## Optimising energy use with machine learning

22 January 2020



- Collaboration with Fetch.ai explores machine learning in energy systems
- Initial results from a 'virtual twin' reduced energy costs by up to 18 per cent
- It could optimise heat and power production and use across campus
- Model-free AI approach learns the optimal control policy from historical data

In September this year, the University of Warwick declared a Climate Emergency and set ambitious "net zero" goals for emissions.

Achieving this involves using less energy on the campus, and paying attention to energy used in heating, cooling and transport as well as the usual focus on electricity.

Considering the supply, storage and use of energy across multiple energy vectors rapidly becomes complex. Different existing control systems model separate energy vectors across different parts of the campus.

Artificial intelligence and machine learning are enabling a transactive energy approach where key parts of the energy system react and respond in ways not previously possible.

WBS Professors of Practice David Elmes and Mark Skilton have collaborated with [Fetch.ai](#), one of the leading companies in the use of AI, to offer a decentralised connectivity platform that enables devices to connect directly with digital agents delivering autonomous solutions to complex tasks.

Development of the machine learning approach is led by Dr Yujian Ye, of [Fetch.ai](#), in collaboration with Chris Conlan, a data science PhD student in the [Warwick Institute for the Science of Cities](#), together with Joel Cardinal and Mark Jarvis of the University of Warwick Estates department.



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# Warwick's Campus – a 24/7, 365 town of 30,000

- A nationally recognized energy system
  - 560,000m<sup>2</sup> buildings, mixed uses, 22km heating & cooling network, self generate > 60% heat & power, 11kV network, ...
  - Case Study in DECC's 2013 "The Future of Heating" strategy
  - Nominated for the ADE's Public Sector Project of the Decade in 2017
  - 2018 BEIS Heat Network Case Study
  - Reduced emissions per unit income by 46% since 2005/6
  - Invested £11.5M since 2009 to reduced energy & water costs by £3M per annum.
- Our commitment for the future
  - Warwick's September 2019 Climate Emergency declaration
  - WMCA/Coventry Regional Energy System Operator project, funded by the Industrial Strategy's Prospering from the Energy Revolution programme

290 hectares of Research, Teaching, Residential, Conferences and Business

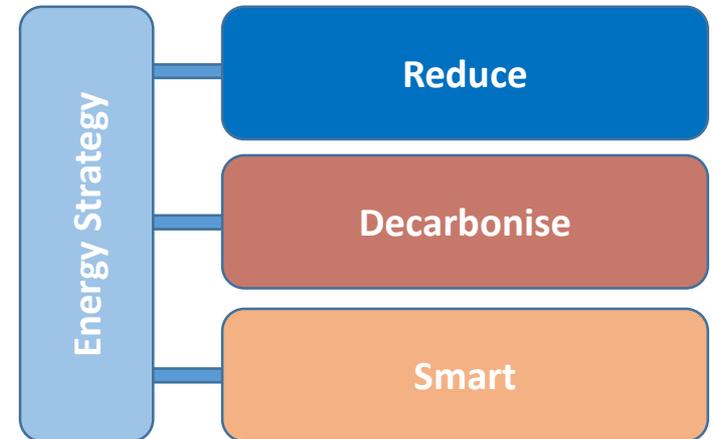


215 hectares of research, business and farming



# Warwick's Energy and Infrastructure Strategy

- “A transformation from fossil fuels to renewable energy”
- “Increased on-site energy generation and storage”
- “Ultra low energy buildings”
  - New Warwick standards
- “Smart local energy system governance structure”
  - A local, District System Operator
- “Enhanced campus resilience”
  - Flexibility & incremental investments



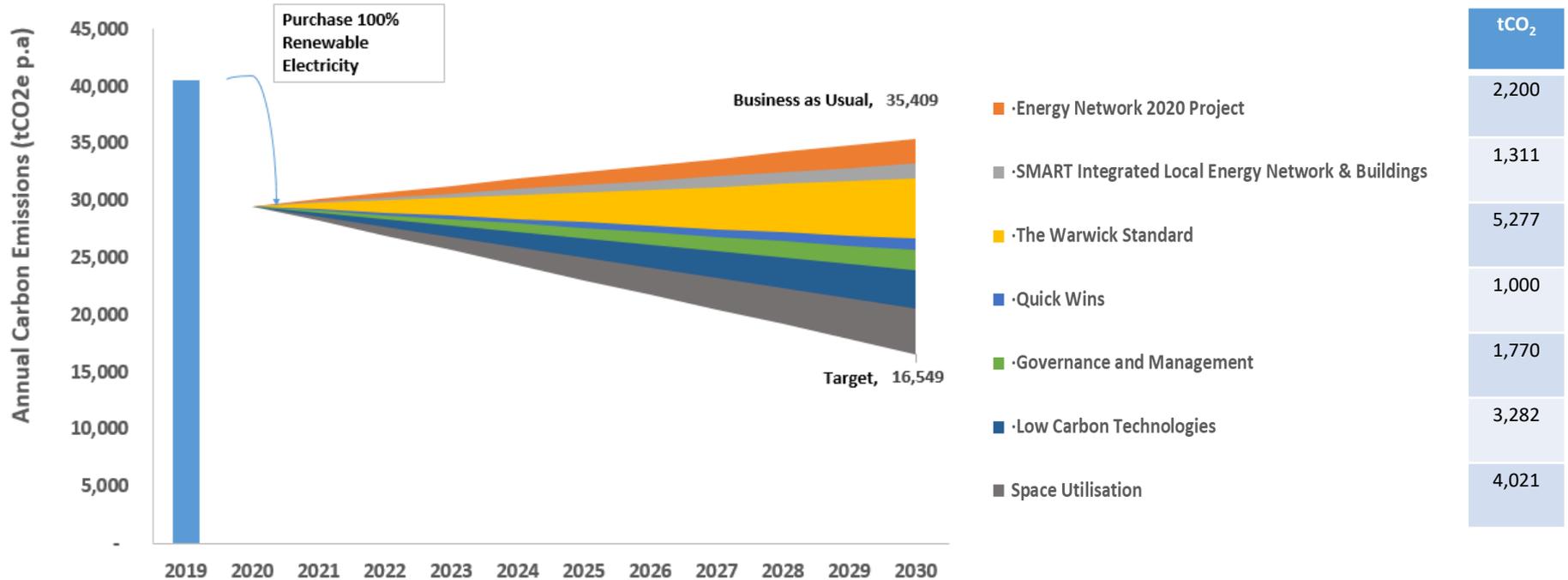
# 9 Work streams to Transform the Energy System

Workstream	Headline
Energy 2020	Renewable power (PV) and Energy Storage
Smart Local Energy System	Pilot integration scheme at 'Smart Square'
The Warwick Standard	Improved Building Standards: new and retrofit
Quick Wins and Optimisation	Operational Efficiencies
Management of Energy Networks	Organisational Review to become our own smart, multi-vector system operator

Workstream	Headline
Low Carbon Technologies	Ongoing Horizon Scanning to add new projects as they become affordable
Electrical Network Improvements	Supporting Campus Masterplan and Net Zero goals
Sustainable Drainage Strategy	Supporting Campus Masterplan Biodiversity goals
Financing	Reduce Utilities costs and explore Finance options and partnerships

# Plans for 60% of our 2030 goal with the ideas for more

Scope 1 and 2 Carbon Emissions: Bold Reduction Scenario



# Smart Square: Demonstrating what a smart local energy system can achieve

- A 5<sup>th</sup> generation energy network
  - Multi-vectoral energy system: integrating supply, storage and use across power, heating, cooling and transport (via EVs).
- A lower temperature heat network
  - Explore waste heat recovery, local heat pump use, thermal as well as electrical storage
- Smart building demonstrator
  - Demand side management at scale, across energy vectors and using building dynamics
- Transactive energy platform
  - Transactions between the key energy assets across the square to be more flexible; reducing and flattening energy use

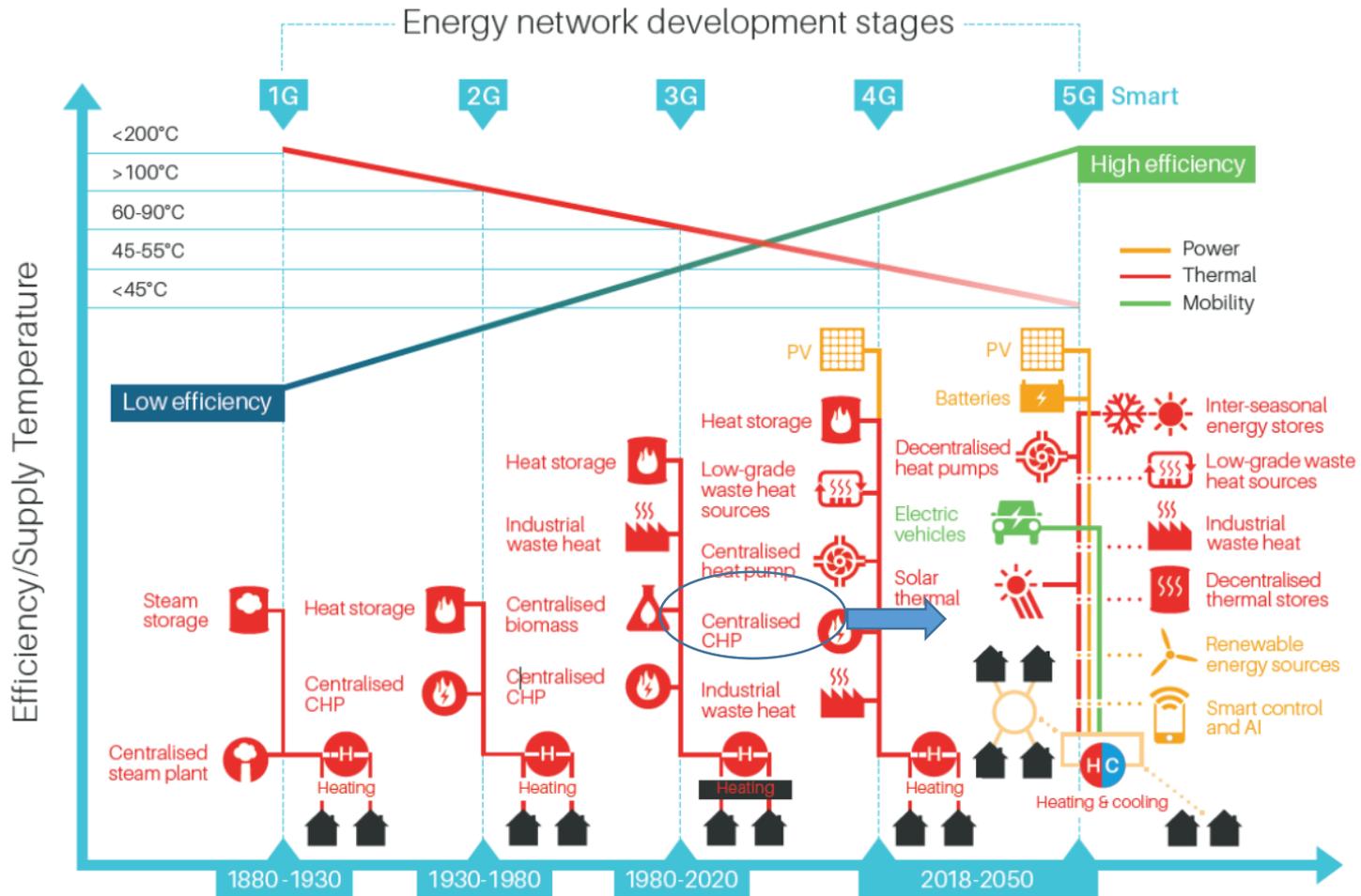
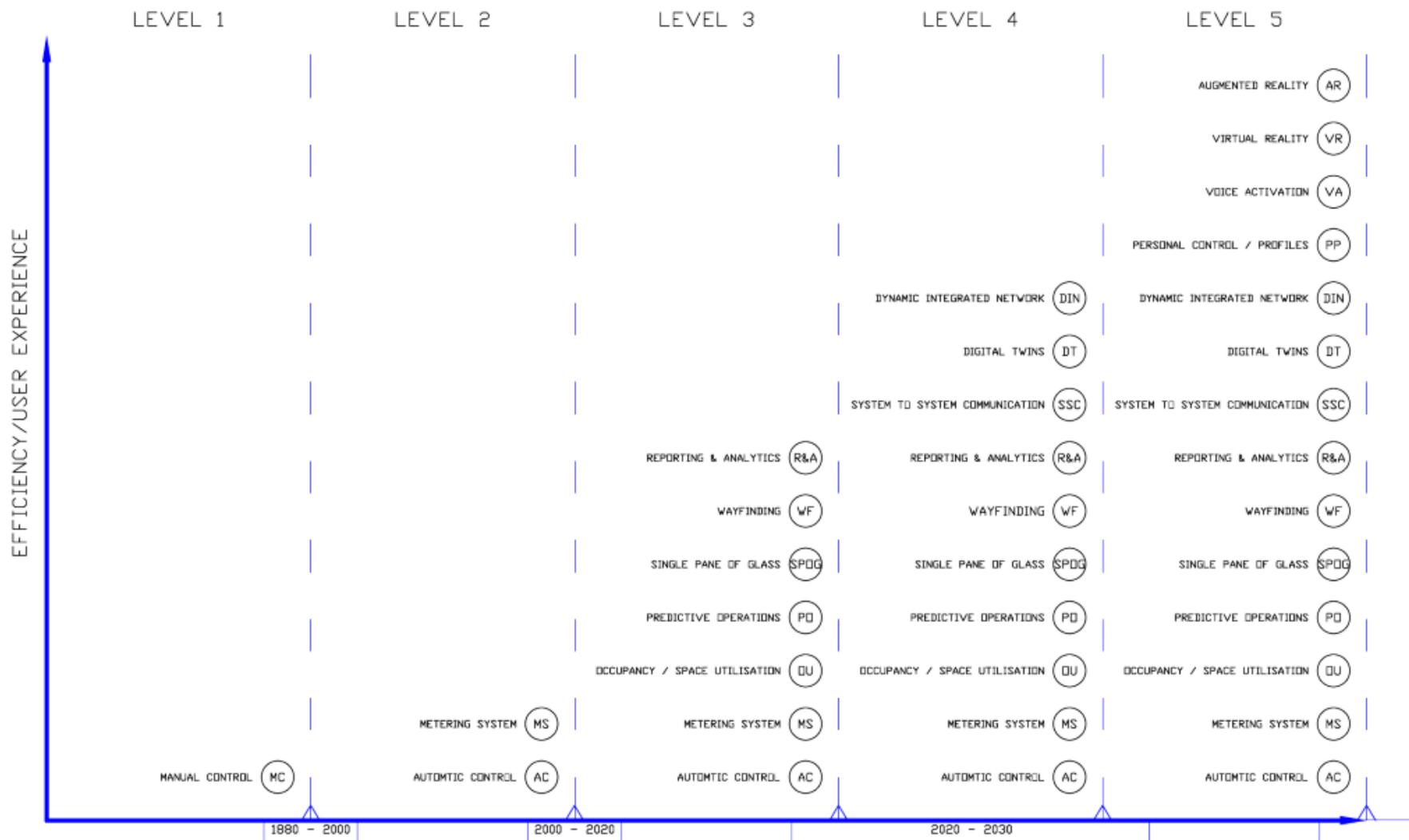


Figure 1 Energy network development stages and 5G smart energy network concept (Revesz et.al. 2019)





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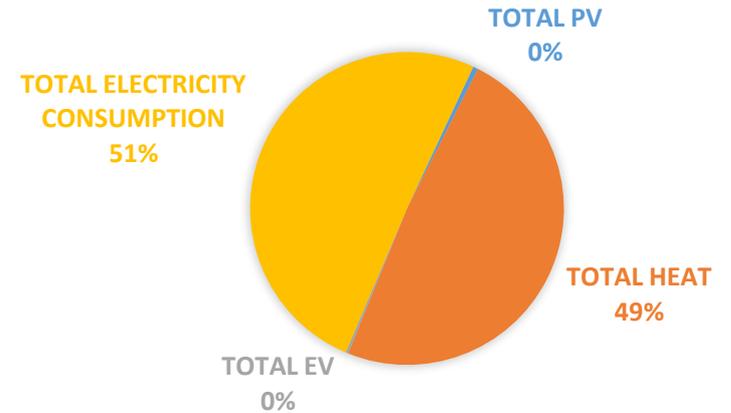
# The buildings in Smart Square use about 10% of campus energy at a cost of ~£1M per year

<b>01.091</b>	<b>Car Park: 8</b>	<b>1992</b>
<b>01.054</b>	<b>IMC (International Manufacturing Centre)</b>	<b>1994</b>
<b>1.19</b>	<b>Claycroft 1</b>	<b>1994</b>
<b>01.098</b>	<b>Car Park: 15</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>1.191</b>	<b>Claycroft 2</b>	<b>1996</b>
<b>1.192</b>	<b>Claycroft 3</b>	<b>1997</b>
<b>01.008</b>	<b>Computer Science Building</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>01.009</b>	<b>Zeeman Building (aka Mathematics and Statistics)</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>01.254</b>	<b>IDL (International Digital Laboratory)</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>01.309</b>	<b>IIPSI (aka APC)</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>01.323</b>	<b>Phytobiology Facility</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>01.364</b>	<b>IINM (International Institute Nanocomposite Manufacturing Centre)</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>01.177</b>	<b>AMMC (Advanced Manufacturing and Materials Centre)</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>01.298</b>	<b>Car Park: Lynchgate</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>01.336</b>	<b>MSB (Mathematical Science Building)</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>01.381</b>	<b>MEC (Materials Engineering Centre)</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>01.421</b>	<b>DAC (Degree Apprentice Centre)</b>	<b>2019</b>

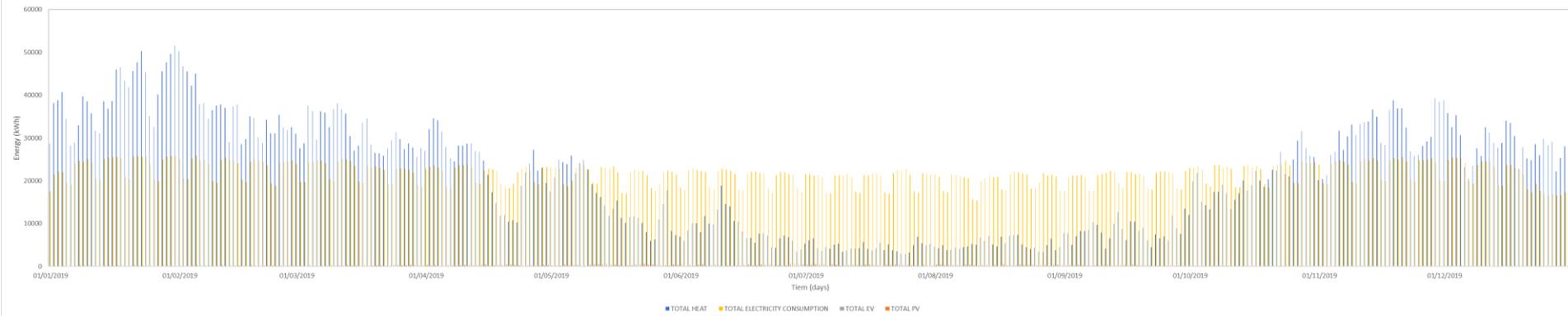
# Metering Data for the Year to 31.10.19: **still gaps!**

Site name	Floor Area (m2)	Elec (kWh)	PV (kWh)	EV (kWh)	Gas (kWh)	Heat (kWh)	Cool (kWh)	Total (kWh)	Total/Floor Area (kWh/m2)	Network Elec / Floor Area (kWh/m2)	Total Elec / Floor Area (kWh/m2)	Heat / Floor Area (kWh/m2)
Phytobiology Facility	1211	629,731	-	-	-	298,790	92,800	1,021,321	843	520	520	247
Computer Science Building	3438	736,184	-	-	630,842	-	-	1,200,403	349	214	214	216
IIPSI	2389	363,437	-	-	-	275,700	105,680	744,817	312	152	152	115
Riley Court	3848	277,162	-	-	-	392,200	0.00	1,367,026	355	72	72	102
Materials Engineering Centre (MEC)	3031	482,219	35,472	-	-	399,800	-	882,019	291	159	171	132
International Manufacturing Centre	11237	1,794,688	-	-	-	1,222,400	-	3,017,088	268	160	160	109
IINM	1101	281,245	10,595	-	-	-	-	281,245	255	255	265	-
AMMC	1599	307,214	-	-	-	89,330	-	396,544	248	192	192	56
Claycroft 2	6219	369,529	-	-	408,816	541,400	-	1,319,745	212	59	59	164
Claycroft 3	4549	231,308	-	-	329,489	404,300	-	965,097	212	51	51	174
Digital Laboratory	5604	725,084	-	-	-	417,440	6,892	1,149,416	205	129	129	74
Claycroft 1	6490	330,258	-	-	296,725	682,400	-	1,309,383	202	51	51	159
Mathematical Science Building	6321	381,358	5,624	-	-	510,500	172,300	1,064,158	168	60	61	81
Degree Apprenticeship Centre	2696	122,500	-	-	-	-	-	424,191	157	45	45	-
Zeeman Building	9911	856,191	-	-	-	-	-	916,191	92	86	86	-
Lynchgate Car Park	15234	111,857	30,170	36,715	-	-	-	408,539	27	7	12	-
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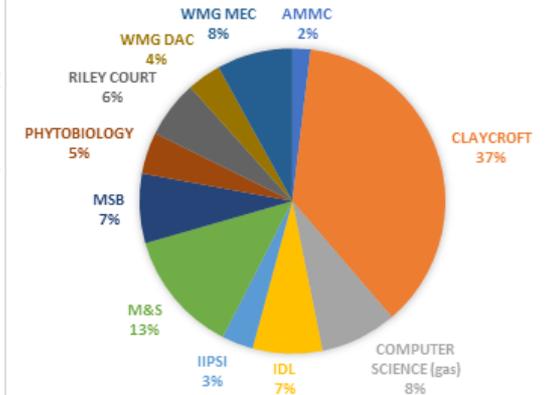
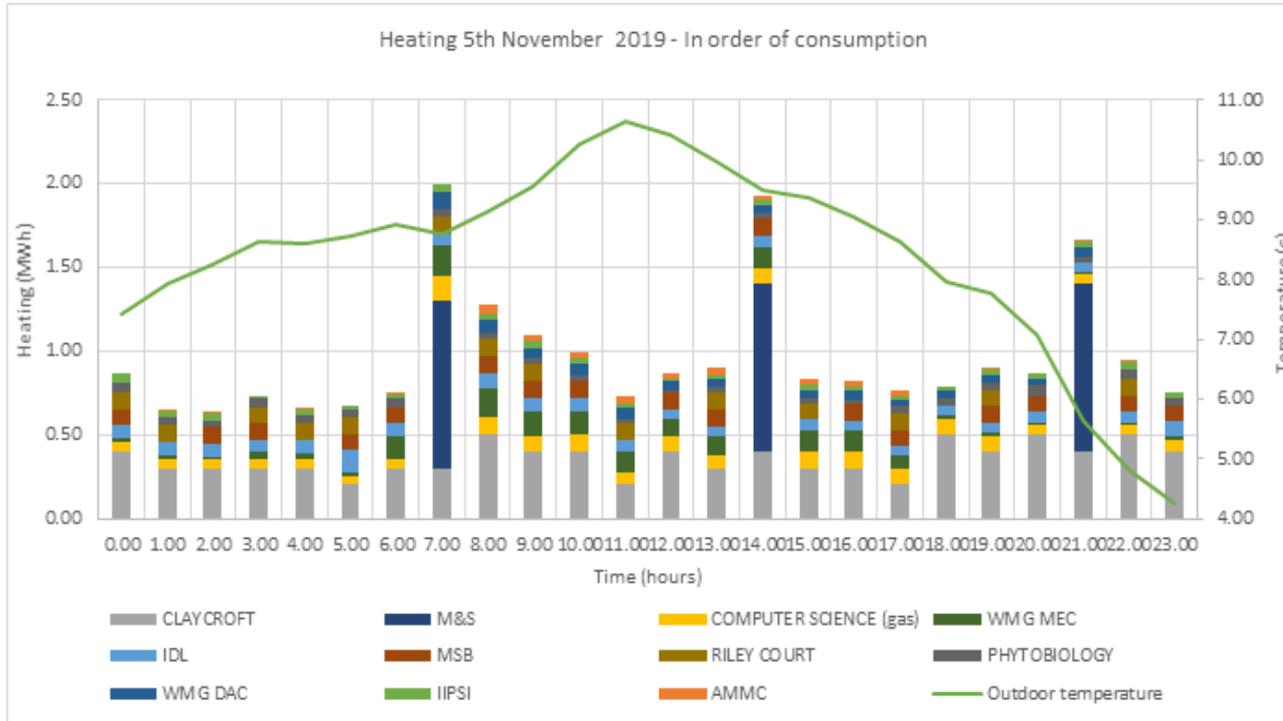
# Smart Square energy over 2019: Heat use, Building Electricity use, PV generation, EV use



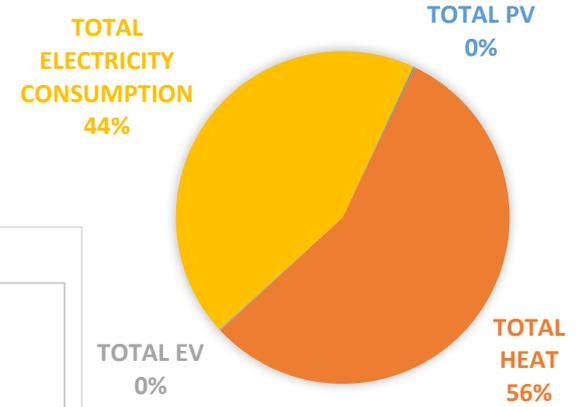
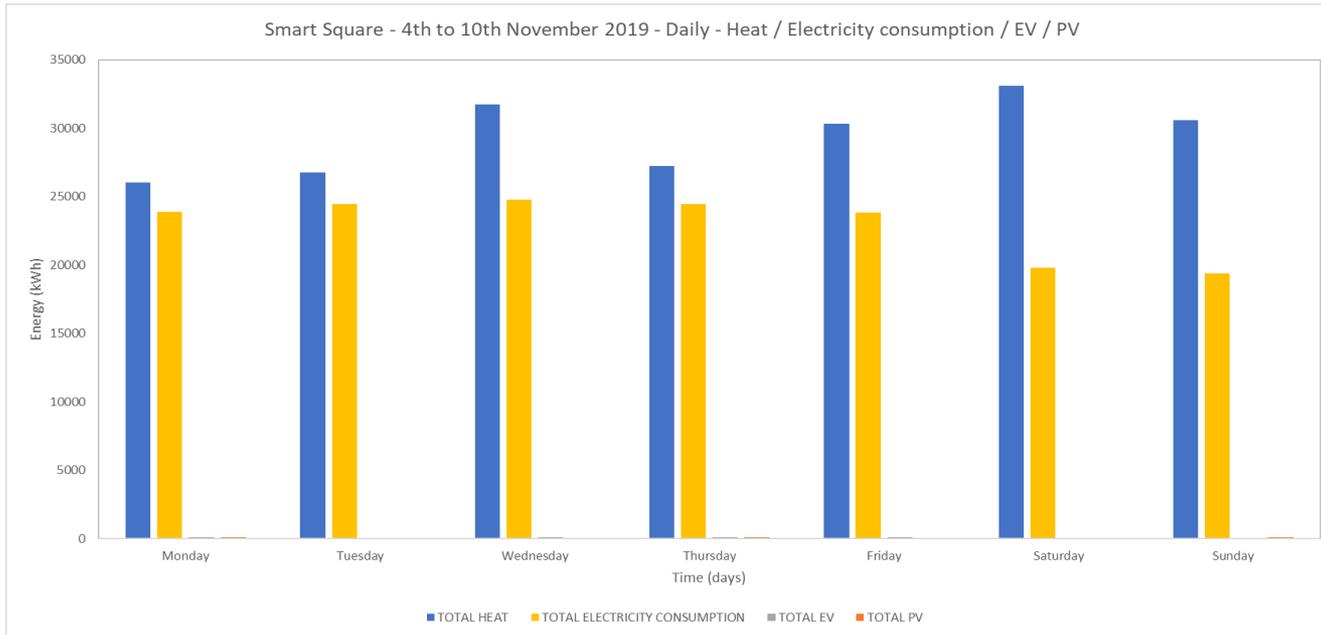
Smart Square - 2019 - Heat / Electricity consumption / EV / PV



# When it's cold: Smart Square heat use on 5/11/19

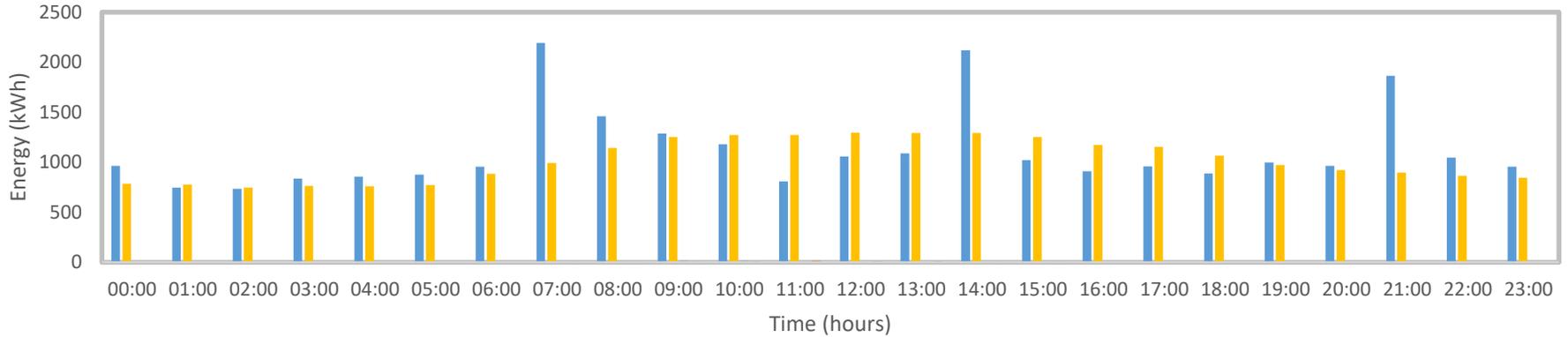


# When its cold: Smart Square energy over a week in November

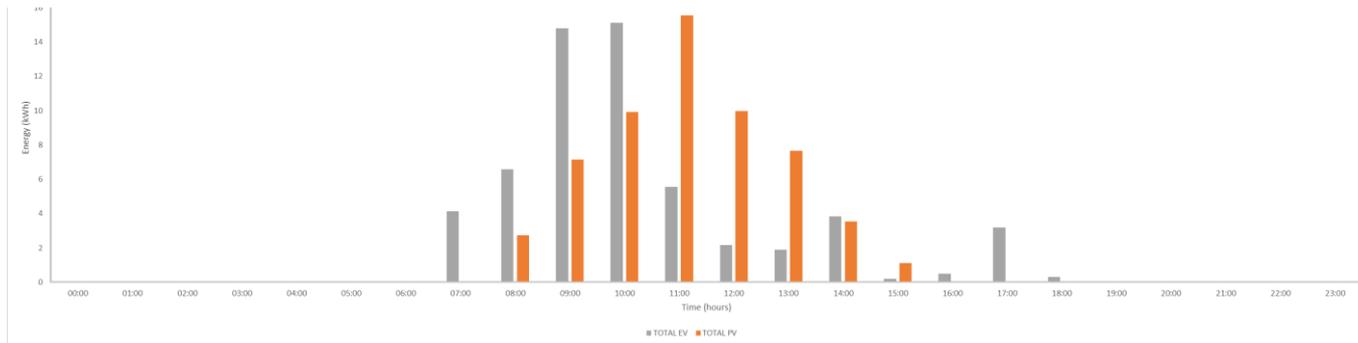


# When its cold: Smart Square energy over a day in November

Smart Square - 05/11/2019 - Hourly - Heat / Electricity consumption / EV / PV

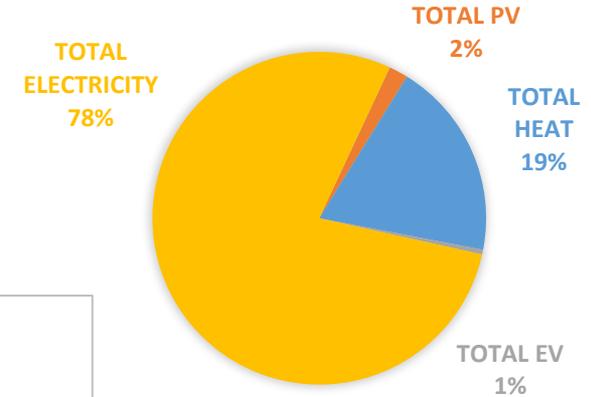
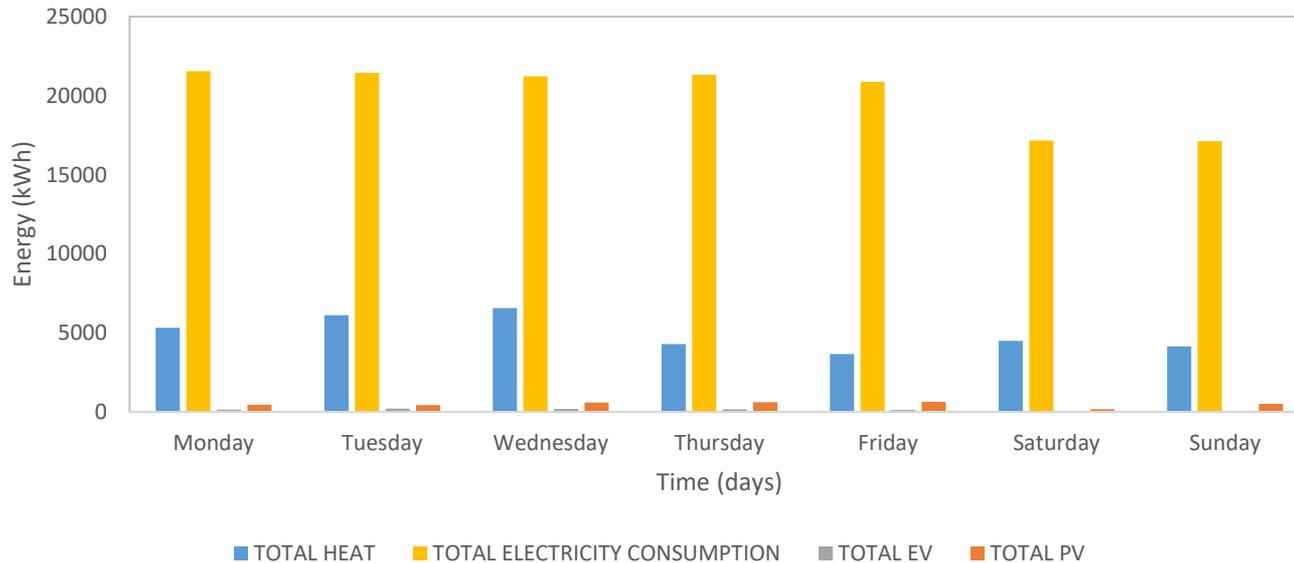


■ TOTAL HEAT ■ TOTAL ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION ■ TOTAL EV ■ TOTAL PV

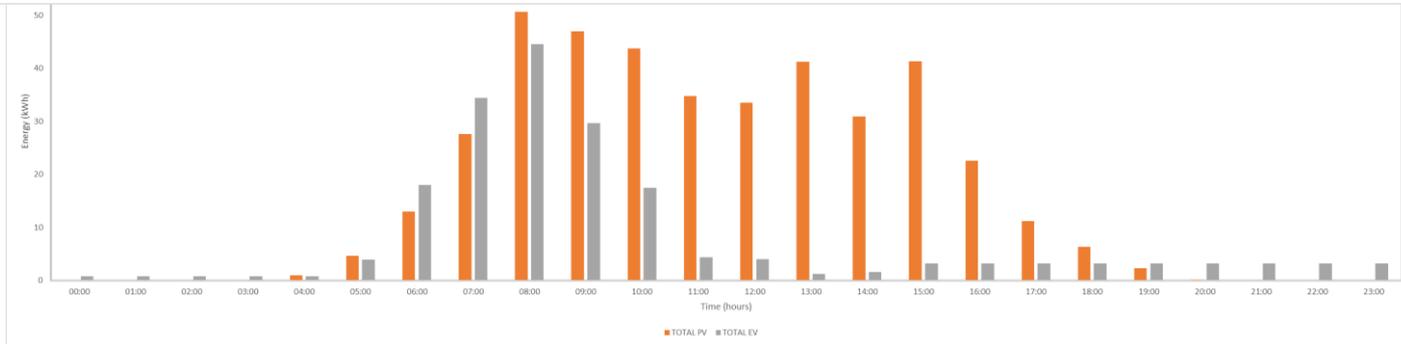
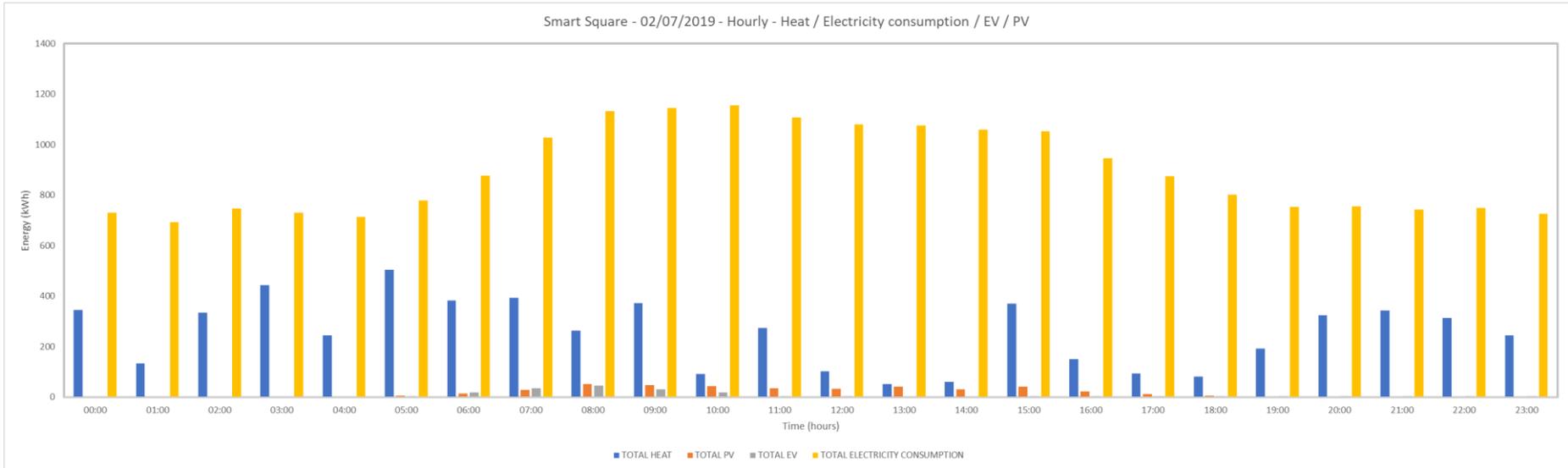


# When its hot: Smart Square energy over a week in July

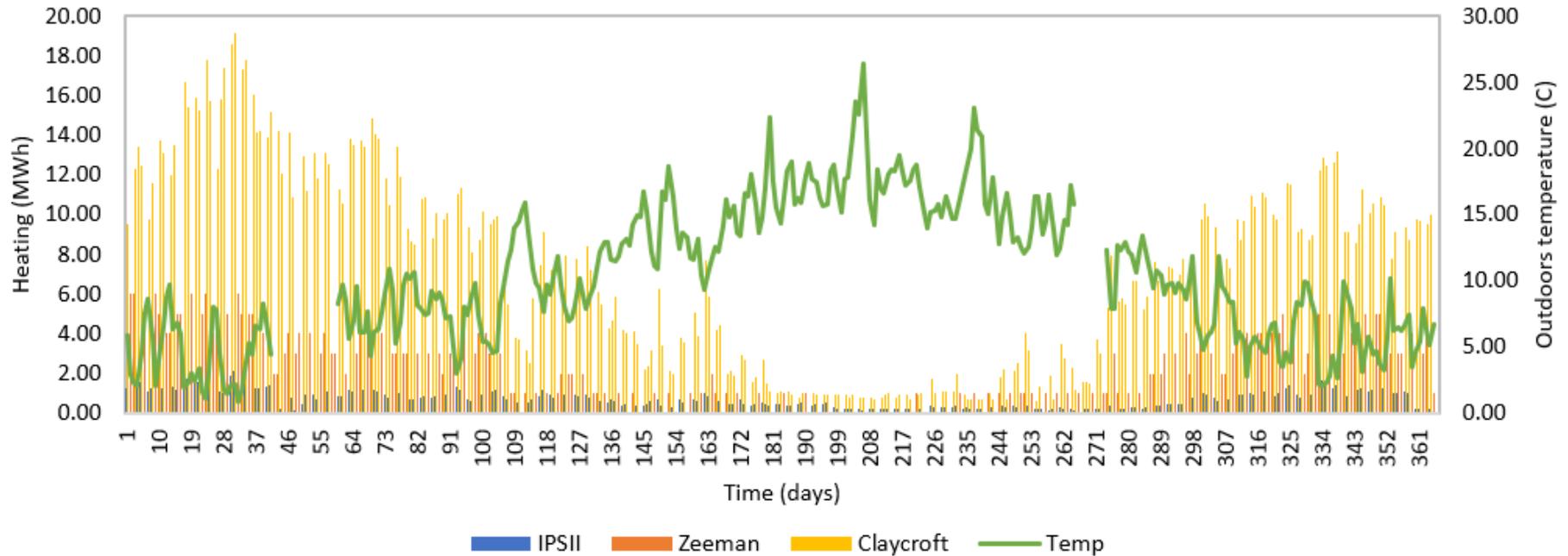
Smart Square - 1st to 7th July 2019 - Daily - Heat / Electricity consumption / EV / PV



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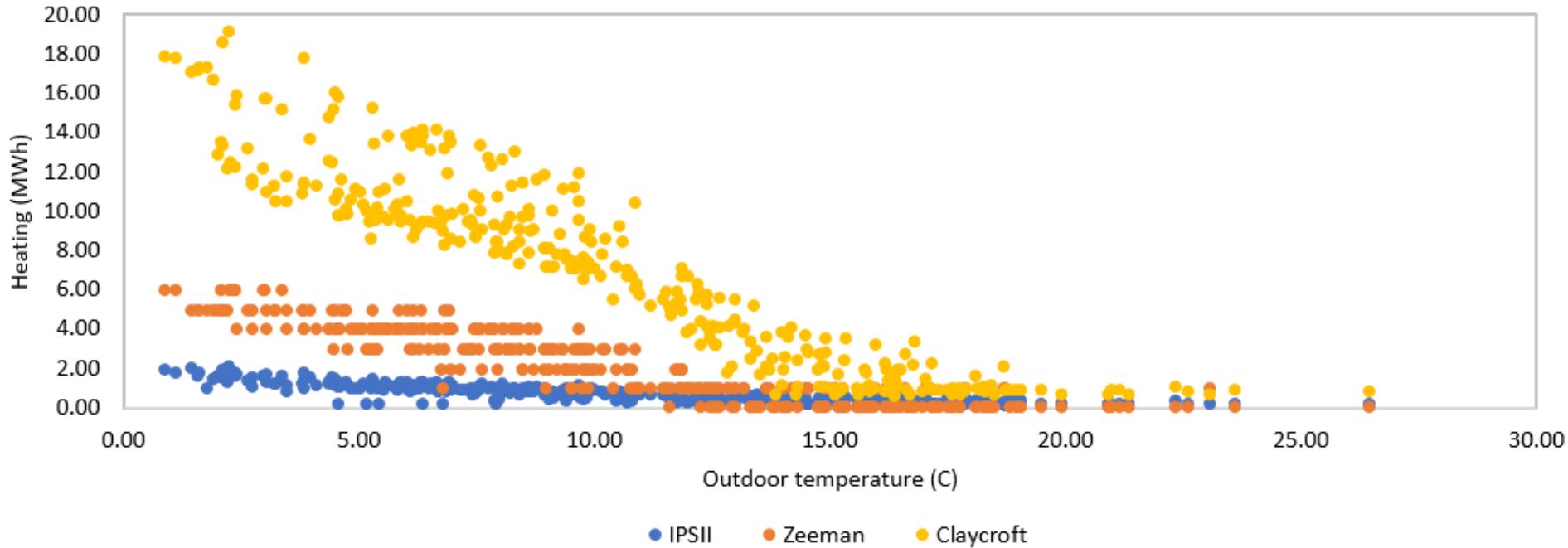


# Looking at heat use in Claycroft (residence), Zeeman (older offices) & IIPSI (newer offices) over 2019...

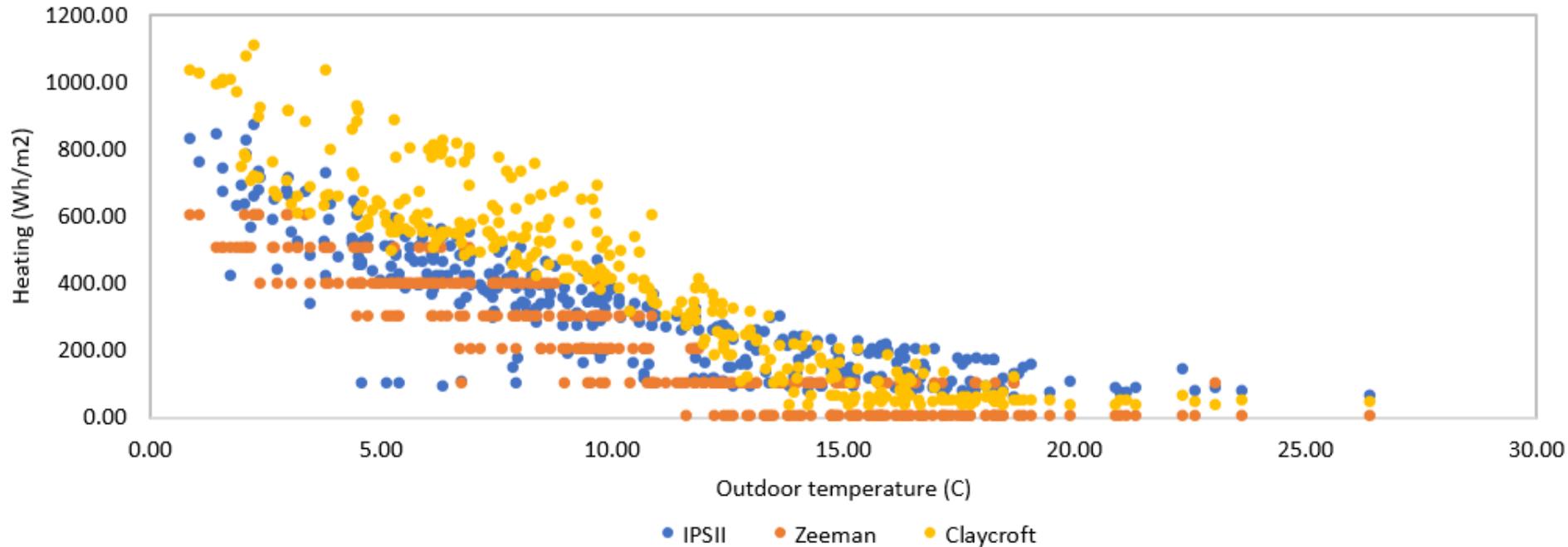


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IIPSI / Zeeman / Claycroft



# Looking at heat use **per m<sup>2</sup>** in Claycroft (residence), Zeeman (older offices) & IIPSI (newer offices) over 2019...



# Next steps: continuing the collaboration between operations & research

## Estates focus

- Data: Operational Quick Wins
- Top 10s: despatch/shift/store?
- Smart Buildings? - Gap Analysis
- Integrated Network Analysis
- Building Fabric Upgrades
- Plant Upgrades

## Lot-NET Focus

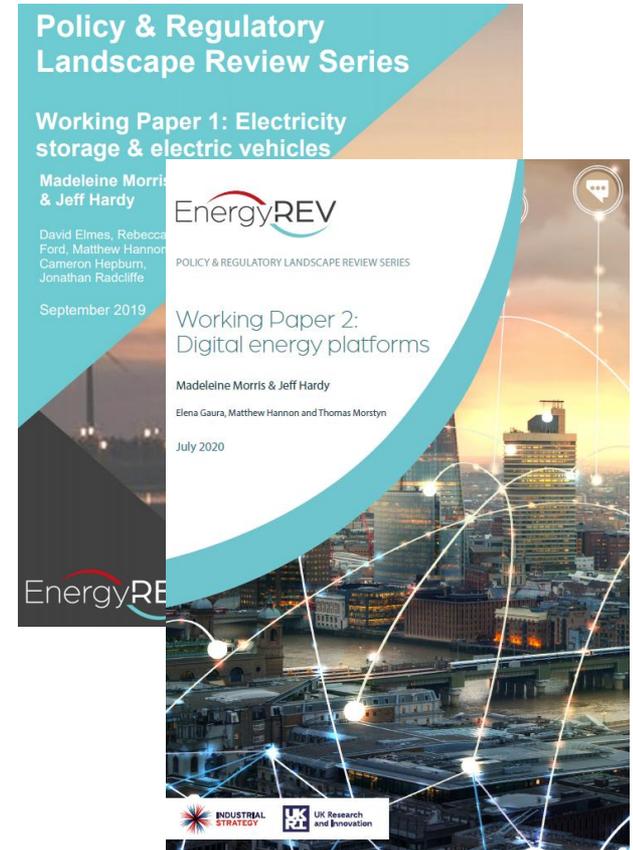
- Data: Overview but also Granularity
- Metering & Control Adjustments
- “Flexibility Index”
- Developing the Smart□ LoT-NET
- Top 10s: Agent characterisation
- Transactive platform across Smart□

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# EnergyREV Policy & Regulation “Sprint Reviews”

- Alternative to the usual, initial Lit Review
- Faster & consultative
- Explicitly wider than academic lit
- Includes crowdsourcing
- Initial reviews
  - Electricity Storage & Electric Vehicles – published
  - Digital Energy Platforms – published
- Current review...
  - **Heating and Cooling: demand, supply and storage**



# Digital energy platforms: SLES implications & insights

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- Data & digital energy platforms
  - If energy industry doesn't act, government and regulator will step in
  - Either way, emergence of digital energy platforms will be affected
- Markets
  - SLES have important role in provision of essential future energy services – digital platforms are a key component but only if value can be realised
- Policy and regulation
  - Digitalisation of energy is a balancing act for policymakers: a goldilocks dilemma. Acting to soon or too late could stifle or lock-in consumer harm. But when is the right time to act?
  - Digital energy platforms could unlock the potential of distributed energy resources and consumers, but only if there is trust, routes to market and commensurate value in the platforms
  - System operation is likely to become more complicated in the future and many more parties will be involved in providing essential services – local vs. national balance yet to emerge
  - Government and Ofgem will take decisions that could impact on SLES (+ve or –ve)
  - Feedback loops are needed so that more agile approaches to regulation can be implemented and compliance monitored

# Themes proposed for the Heating and Cooling Review

- Why does heating (let alone cooling) receive much less attention than electricity?
- Why is regulating the supply of heating so far behind that of electricity and gas?
- Why are the behaviours associated with heating and cooling more difficult to research and understand than, say, switching?
  - Experiments on single behaviours vs field trials at scale covering multiple concepts

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# WP4 Summary

- Early transition to study of a rather large “lab scale demonstrator of integrated technologies”
- Redeployment of PDRA staff from lab based research
  - Need to progress LUDS & WBS further PDRA recruitment
- Links/collaboration with multiple, related programmes
- Main themes over next period
  - What is the LoT-NET for Smart Square?
  - What is the “Flexibility Index” for Smart Square?
  - What value can a transactive energy platform add to Smart Square & the campus, and what is the partnership to achieve this?