













# An engineering SME based in the Northwest of England

We support energy networks to become more cost-effective and reliable through:

- Power Engineering Consultancy
- Specialist Electrical Engineering Services
- Power Skills Training Services
- Specific products

### We excel at partnership brokering, customer engagement and innovation:

- Customer-Led Network Revolution
- New Thames Valley Vision
- My Electric Avenue





- Employee-owned
- Values-led
- Innovation focused
- SME

## **ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN CONTEXT**



MY ELECTRIC AVENUE

## EV uptake – a fast ramp up

#### DRIVING TOGETHER FOR A CLEANER FUTURE





Source: Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV)





 Mayor's Air Quality Strategy: commits to 100,000 EVs on London streets by 2020

EVs in London

- Mayor's EV Delivery Plan 2009: 1,300 charge points by April 2013 (exceeded)
- UK Government (Office for Low Emission Vehicles) supports the EV market
- London is a Go Ultra Low city: £13m to create 'Neighbourhoods of the Future'
  - Hackney: >12 streets to go electric (e.g. street light car charging)
  - Harrow: Low Emission Zone to be developed (giving ULEVs same priority as buses at traffic lights)









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## HOME ENERGY USE TODAY





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### Home energy use today







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1x EV – undiversified demand

## **MY ELECTRIC AVENUE**







### **Innovation Squared: EVs**

- £10m, 3 year project to understand the issue and trial a mitigation solution (Esprit)
- Led by EA Technology, working with SSEPD, Nissan, Northern Powergrid, Fleetdrive Electric, Zero Carbon Futures, plus many others
- £4.5m funded via Ofgem's Low Carbon
  Networks Fund

Real people, real cars, real networks. REAL LIFE

#### Largest network related EV trial in Europe:

- 220x 3.5kW charging Nissan LEAFs
- 18 month lease deals
- Locally clustered
- Controlled at peak times
- Datasets analysed









Customers with Intelligent Socket\* and electric vehicle





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## The cluster challenge



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3 clusters	Sept 2013
5 clusters	Dec 2013
7 clusters	Mar 2014
100 EVs	Mar 2014



*You'll never get 10 people on one street!...* 

Even if you do, you'll only get two or three clusters

... The contract stated

- "No funding for cars / kit 'allowed' until <u>all</u> customers recruited"
- *"Project would be halted if [above] criteria was not met"*





See our website for test drive videos: <u>www.myelectricavenue.info</u>



### Participant demographics









## **KEY LEARNING**







Charging happens during 'peak' demand hours – if unmanaged:





'Connection' or 'plug in' time







Figures for some of the real networks in the trial (with 3.5kW EV charging)



## **A SOLUTION**







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### Esprit and 'DNO driven' demand side response

















Esprit and 'DNO driven' demand side response Customer Acceptance





### Curtailment was / is accepted



It worked better in residential than workplace clusters



Educating the customer is essential

Our customers cited they were comfortable:

- ..because they only did short journeys or charged for 10 to 12 hours overnight
- ..they could work around any lack of charge by charging elsewhere
- .. they could always use another vehicle if necessary



## **THE LEGACY**































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## Next Steps – Smart EV project

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- New NIA project registered by SSEPD
- Desk-based with consultation
  - Led by EA Technology
- Supported by
  - All GB DNOs plus National Grid
  - Engagement of OEMs, Charging manufacturers, customer groups and Government organisations
- technology
- 18 month duration

#### <u>Scope</u>

- 1. Industry agreed material to inform an ENA Engineering Recommendation (or equivalent) available to third parties for supply and manufacture of the home end and the substation end controllers (the Solution).
- 2. A **functional specification** describing the system components and operation to allow vendors to produce a compliant Solution.
- 3. Evidence of UK EV **industry acceptance** of the Solution, including OEM engagement and clear path to adoption.
- **4. Customer Messaging Strategy** to facilitate customer understanding and buy-in to PIV-network demand response tools to improve customer acceptance of the solution(s).



## Sharing our Learning

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### www.myelectricavenue.info

- Learning reports
- Project templates
- Presentations
- Downloadable datasets

Coming soon: Final (designed) versions of learning reports



## Thank you

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### Esprit and 'DNO driven' DSR Vehicle Acceptance

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The switching of EV charging on and off will **damage the vehicle battery life** 

The switching of EV charging will affect relay life in the charger

Switching of demand (or the threat of) will affect EV uptake



SDRC 9.7.1 - An Assessment of 'Esprit' Integration