What do people want from (low carbon) heat at home and how can we find out





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"Creating future-proof and economic local heating solutions for the UK"

- Connecting together the understanding of consumer needs and behaviour with the development and integration of technologies and new business models into...
- Delivering enhanced knowledge amongst industry and public sector
- Resulting in industry and investor confidence to implement from 2020 which enables a UK heat transition

The Energy Systems Catapult will deliver Phase One of the SSH programme as a supplier to the ETI following the transition of the SSH programme team to the Catapult. From 2017 the Catapult will be responsible for delivery of Phase Two of the programme independently of the ETI.

Decarbonising heat is the most cost effective way to tackle climate change in the UK, but



Today fewer than

4%



have low carbon heating

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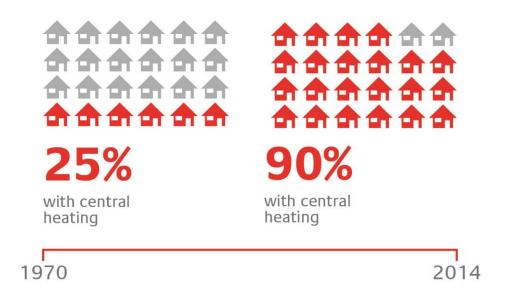
90%



prefer gas central heating given the choice

Rapid change is possible





We must focus on tackling 3 key challenges



- 1. Improve low carbon heat experiences
- 2. Simplify installations
- 3. Enhance control

What have we done?



1) Literature reviews

Built on evidence in >670 papers on:

- Energy use
- Thermal comfort
- Decision science

2) Workshops and co-creation

Found areas of consensus and contention through all day workshops with >150 people

Refined concepts with >130 people

3) Sensor lead interviews

Saw how home life shapes energy use:

- Visited 30 homes over 2 winters
- Used sensors and models to see beyond what people say

4) Quantitative surveys

Surveyed over 7,000 people and 3,500 homes to segment:

- Energy purchase
- Energy use
- Boiler upgrades

5) Field trials in real homes

Studied in detail the experiences of 69 households living with smart controls, solid wall insulation, district heating and heat pumps







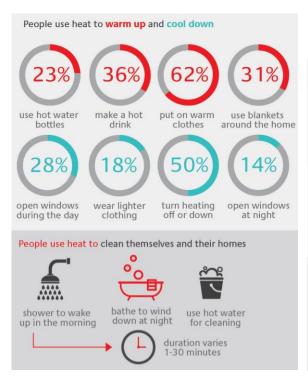




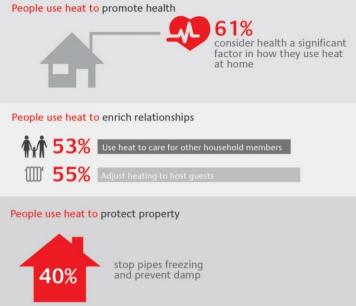


Improve low carbon experiences





 Systems should allow people to use heat to get clean and comfortable in diverse ways



Simplify low carbon heating installations



Location limits what solutions will be available in any area

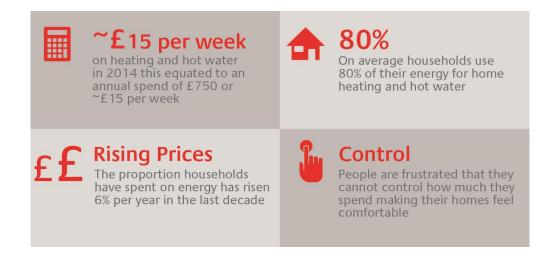


and many homes will need modifying to make sure solutions work well

- Design solutions that can be installed in a similar timeframe to replacing a gas boiler
- Encourage people to prepare their properties during renovations
- Enable people to consider thermal details when making renovation decisions
- Explain what solutions will work in each area

Enhance control





- Public concern over heating bills conceals private confusion over what heat costs
- People hold very different views on how they think heat should be used
- Controls should help people get the heat experiences they want
- Improved controls could prove key to unlocking deeper decarbonisation

We need to tackle three consumer challenges to decarbonising heating









Improve low carbon heating experiences







Make low carbon heat systems simple to install



Make low carbon heating easy to control

What is an energy service?





- £1,380 on
- 14,983kWh of gas and
- 4,125kWh of electricity.

Next year, I've no idea

- How much fuel I need
- What it will cost, or
- What experience I will get.





I want to warm

the rooms I choose...

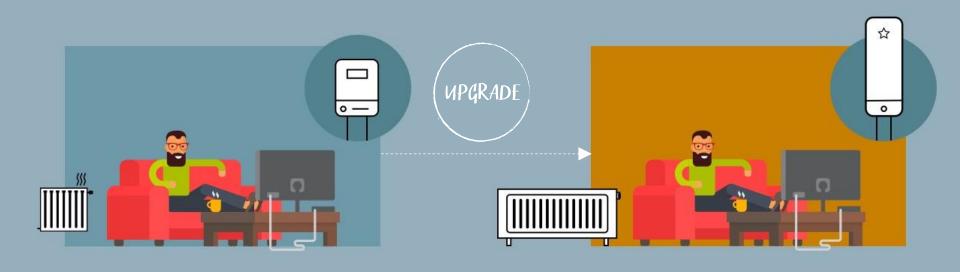
...to the temperatures I like...

...when I am home.

For a fixed monthly price!

Services that can be decarbonised





Services could make interests compatible



Policy makers



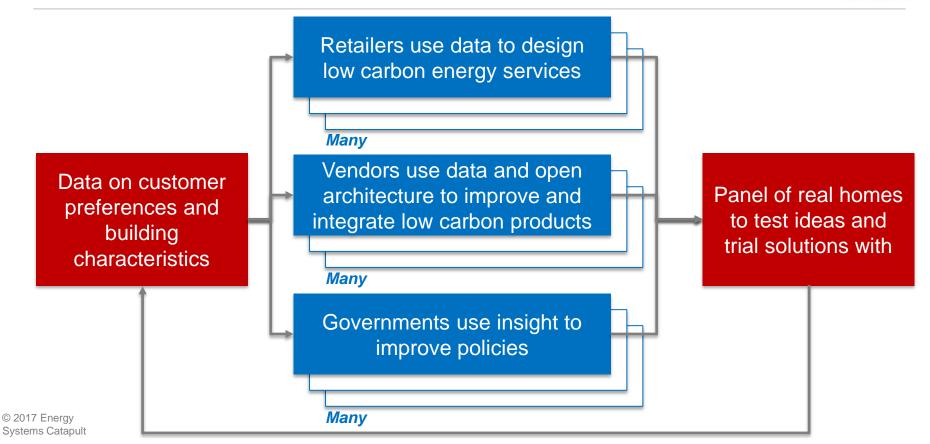




Businesses

A 'living lab' to help others create solutions





Could energy services put consumers at the heart of the energy system?



- Could energy services reveal what consumers need from the energy system?
- Can policy-makers design energy service markets to decarbonise at least cost?
- Could energy services help providers delight their customers?
- Could consumers' choices help vendors improve and sell low carbon products?

Living Labs offer a unique route to find out

Thank you





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