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Project Avatar

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Go live
Oct 2016

Literature
review
Mar 2017

Research
approach
May 2017

Colleague
engagement
and
workshops
Jun 2017

Concept
developed
and tested
Jan 2018

Exploratory
research
with
customers
Sep 2018

Analysis,
refinements
and
blueprint
Sep 2019

Publish final
report and
closedown
Dec 2019

Impact
Research



DXC.technology

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Avatar – the problem



The customer service landscape is changing

DNOs need to understand the change to improve the customer experience



Technology is advancing at a tremendous pace facilitating potential new services

Political, economic and social factors are increasing customers' expectations

**Avatar
explores**

What different
customer
segments
want

What
technology
can provide

Where
technology
overlaps with
needs

Attitudes to
data sharing

Avatar – project objectives



Understand customers future needs?

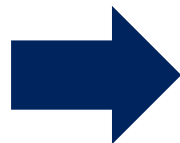
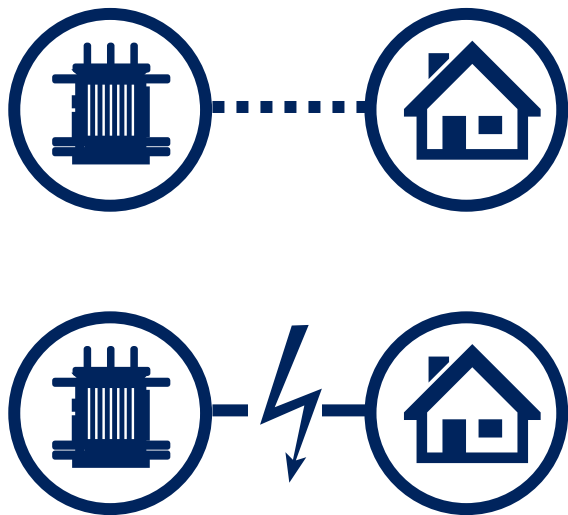
How will these vary by segment?

How technology could meet the needs of these segments?

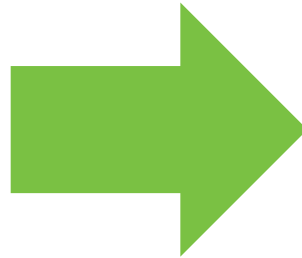
Output: a blueprint for implementing bespoke customer service solutions



Current services our customers receive



Transformation in existing services



Potential new opportunities



Home energy optimisation and savings for customers

Network optimisation and commercial services providing new revenue streams



Real time network data visualisation will facilitate improved services and customer experience and enhance network capabilities



Customer
service in
the future

Current and future customer service needs?

Are customers willing to share consumption data for a better service, efficiency savings and environmental benefits?

What **innovative solutions** will best meet customers increased servicing expectations?

The **optimal strategy** for customer communication that will leverage higher levels for customer satisfaction?

How these solutions should be **tailored** for use by DNOs?