

Dear Alice,

Thank you for sending me the letter from Lord Vallance dated 20th January 2025. The letter asked me to share more details of my experience, and I am happy to do so.

I have been supported by Innovate UK Business Growth in the past year and I have two Business Growth Advisers. Despite the best efforts of my advisors at UK Business Growth and myself, we have found no support for the research my company needs.

I am a company with a proven record of sales and with the potential for significant growth. This is because of my new patented technology. I strongly advise you to visit my web site to understand the nature of my innovations <https://wrightchoicuk.com/>

Energy Systems Catapult

We sought a £15K Living Lab trial through the Energy Systems Catapult. Both Innovate UK and the Catapults rely on engineers and scientists that work for them or with them in the 'Living Lab'. They use engineers working in the Living Labs for advice, so these are effectively the 'gate keepers'. There is no requirement for direct employees of Innovate UK or the Catapults to have a scientific background and I was told that this was a positive feature and not needed because they had experts working with them. These 'experts' have strong links to companies already in receipt of grants, and we believe they are not independent and cannot provide unbiased specialist knowledge and expertise when acting as a sole gatekeeper to trials.

There is no independent panel!

The Energy Systems Catapult trial was rejected because of a heat pump engineer, Bill Jenkinson, who wrote.

"Before we consider a Living Lab trial, we need some assurance that your product has the certifications and product accreditation needed to ensure we can protect our customers and their homes in Living Lab:

We would need as a minimum to review:

WRAS approval

UKCA/CE certification

Energy Efficiency certification

User guides

Fitting instructions

Any health and safety documentation that you have considered. RAMS for the product etc.

Given yesterday's meeting and the current documentation supplied I am not recommending that we currently test your product in the Living Lab until you can provide clearer rational of the potential carbon savings, energy savings, safety certifications and build further the customer proposition and offer"

Bill Jenkinson
Adviser - Building Decarbonisation

The pre-conditions set before they consider a grant application will cost me over £15K so its catch 22.

Our second attempt to get support was for a Hydraulic Modelling Study to be undertaken by the University of East Anglia with £15K funding from the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult. This time because the UEA was an independent organisation it was rejected. They claimed the cost of processing the application was not worth the effort due to the low value of the grant.

I am awaiting a study at the UEA using funds which bypass the Catapults and a further study in Estonia funded by the Estonian government, so I am moving forward, but with no thanks to Innovate UK or the Catapults.

I ask you to look at my web site and pass on my information to commercial organisation such as Octopus Energy.

There are many solutions and partial solutions which can ameliorate climate change but are only the solutions supported by embedded vested interests within organisations passed up to the UK Government. I hope you appreciate my 'worms' eye view of how things work at present.

Kind Regards

Alan Wright