

Hello,

2: What barriers exist to long term investment in the UK telecoms market (beyond work underway by the Local Full Fibre Networks programme to stimulate demand, and by the Barrier Busting Taskforce to reduce build costs)?

The main barrier to long term investment resides in access to testbed facilities. We contacted Innovate UK to obtain a suitable testbed for Fixed Wireless Broadband testing. Here is their response:

“DCMS are coming back with a contact name but have advised Arqiva as the company to utilise the facilities of a 5G testbed for fixed wireless broadband testing.”

We emailed Arqiva regarding access to their facilities at [REDACTED] on 6/12/2017. No response has been forthcoming. This scenario makes it extremely difficult to engage in 5G at present.

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Regards,