

SSP response - North Yorkshire County Council 19/02/2019

Hi

Thanks you for the chance to comment on the Statements of Strategic Priorities in this area.

We within North Yorkshire are fully supportive of the approach and ambition of this statement, particularly in the area of 95% of geographic coverage by 2022. Although this is a tight target we believe it is achievable and will make a big impact in rural areas like ours. This could be readily achieved by insisting that the new Emergency Services Network & Extended Areas Services infrastructure is used to provide commercial services. The infrastructure building element of this programme should be accelerated to provide this with the other elements for the Emergency Service following on.

We fully support the proposed rural roaming key to improving coverage in rural areas and providing greater road/rail signal coverage. We have many areas where there is only one or two of the operators working within the area.

Promoting the use of neutral hosted solutions for infrastructure is also key to improving coverage, however we are seeing a reluctance on behalf of the operators to use these. We have a scheme where we are looking to provide neutral hosted infrastructure within North Yorkshire providing we have a MNO host, however we are unable to get the MNO's to take us up on the offer.

Thanks

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