

DCMS Consultation – Dacorum Borough Council response

New Build Developments: Delivering gigabit-capable connections

Q1 – Do you have any further evidence on the state of New Build Development connectivity in the UK?

Q2 – Do you have any information or evidence to suggest that the costs developers would incur under the proposed policy would prevent homes being built?

Q3 – We propose that developers would be obliged to provide a simple connectivity plan for their developments to LAs. This plan would demonstrate that developers had consulted with at least two network providers to provide gigabit-capable networks and inform LAs when a site is connected. Do you have any comments on this proposal for a connectivity plan?

Q4 (a) - Do you agree with the assumption that deploying the necessary infrastructure to deliver gigabit-capable networks is best achieved when the site is being built?

Q4 (b) - What technical specifications should the physical infrastructure (ducts etc) have?

Q4 (c) - Do you agree that developers should deploy, and pay for, the necessary infrastructure from the in-building connections to the boundary edge of the development?

Q5 (a) - Do you agree that developers should have to engage with at least two network operators who can provide gigabit-capable connections to the development?

Q5 (b) - What further measures could we consider to promote the availability of networks from multiple providers at an early stage to minimise costs and disruption?

Q6 – Taking £3,000 as a suggested aggregated cost cap per premise, how should costs be divided between developer and operator?

Q7 -What information and evidence can you provide to help refine the ‘in scope sites’ policy design choice - aggregated cost cap or number of premises?

Q8 (a) – Do you agree that developers should have the overall responsibility to ensure Gigabit connectivity for their developments (allowing for the fact that developers can oblige operators to connect using the ‘duty to connect’ provision).

Q8 (b) - How would this policy affect small housebuilders?

Q9 – Do you have any comments on the proposed legislative approach? Do you have an alternative solution that would deliver gigabit-capable connections to NBDs?