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## Consultation Questions:

### Consultation question 1.

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

#### Consultation answer question 1.

Still a mixed picture with larger sites giving greater consideration to digital connectivity needs, but smaller developments not.

Due to market conditions a number of larger developments, for which planning was approved some years ago, have started on site more recently. These tend to have less consideration for digital connectivity as the requirement was less recognised then.

### Consultation question 2.

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

#### Consultation answer question 2.

No.

### Consultation question 3.

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?

#### Consultation answer question 3.

We support the proposal. The connectivity plan should give a clear view that gigabit capable services will be provided. Of the two network providers one must be open access.

**Consultation question 4.**

**(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?**

**Consultation answer question 4 (a).**

Yes.

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

**Consultation answer question 4 (b).**

No comment

**(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?**

**Consultation answer question 4 (c).**

Yes.

**Consultation question 5.**

**(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?**

**Consultation answer question 5 (a).**

Yes, at least one must be an open access network.

**(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?**

**Consultation answer question 5 (b).**

Ofcom should ensure incentives for duct infrastructure sharing.

**Consultation question 6.**

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

**Consultation answer question 6.**

Developer.

**Consultation question 7.**

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

**Consultation answer question 7.**

Difficult to answer, but we don't see why there would be a lower limit.

**Consultation question 8.**

**(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).**

**Consultation answer question 8 (a).**

Yes.

**(b) How would this policy affect small housebuilders?**

**Consultation answer question 8 (b).**

No Comment.

**Consultation question 9.**

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

**Consultation answer question 9.**

We consider that legislation is the approach required to enforce the policy.