**New build developments: delivering gigabit capable connections**

Your name:



Your position (if applicable):



Your organisation (if applicable):



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Q1: Are costs of providing the gigabit ready physical infrastructure element reasonable or will they prevent investment in new housing in Wales?



Q2: Will the proposals help ensure that gigabit-ready physical infrastructure is placed in the best location to connect to a network distribution point?

Yes

No

Unsure

If no, please provide your reasoning and evidence.



Q3: How common is it for third party land issues to prevent connectivity to new build homes and how are these issues resolved?



Q4: Are there circumstances where it would be difficult to meet the gigabit-ready physical infrastructure requirements, and would these necessitate an exemption?



Q5: Do you anticipate any issues with the stepped approach to the gigabit-ready physical infrastructure requirements extending to the network distribution point?

Yes

No

Unsure

If yes, please provide your reasoning and evidence.



Q6: Is the Universal Service Obligation an appropriate reference point for lower speed services?

Yes

No

Unsure

If no, please provide your reasoning and evidence.



Q7: The proposals provide no exemptions for developments within conservation areas. Do you agree with this and are there any other examples where exemptions should be considered if so, what is the justification for these exemptions?



Q8: Do you agree that a material change of use or ‘conversions’ should not be included in the scope of the proposals?

Yes

No

Unsure

If no, please provide your reasoning and evidence.



Q9: Do you envisage any problems with the requirement to approach two suitable network operators for quotes and the criteria for a suitable network operator?

Yes

No

Unsure

If yes, please provide your reasoning and evidence.



Q10: Is £2,000 the right amount for the cost cap given the higher costs of delivering gigabit capable broadband in Wales?

Yes

No

Unsure

If no, please provide your reasoning and evidence.



Q11: Do you agree with the criteria for calculating the cost cap?

Yes

No

Unsure

If no, please provide your reasoning and evidence.



Q12: Do you have any concerns about the content of the connectivity plan, including the requirement to approach two suitable network operators for quotes and the network operators suitability, or recommendations for additions?

Yes

No

Unsure

If yes, please provide your reasoning and evidence.



Q13: Do you have any concerns about extending the requirement for a connectivity plan to initial notices and amendment notices in addition to plans?

Yes

No

Unsure

If yes, please provide your reasoning and evidence.



Q14: Do you have views on how inspection of the new physical infrastructure elements beyond in-building infrastructure to a network distribution point should be undertaken?

Yes

No

Unsure

If yes, please provide your reasoning and evidence.



Q15: Do you have any specific comments on the content of the updated edition of Approved Document R, for example references to external guidance?

Yes

No

Unsure

If yes, please provide your reasoning and evidence.



Q16: Do you agree with proposals to refer to Streetworks UK guidance for external gigabit-ready physical infrastructure in the Approved Document?

Yes

No

Unsure

If no, please provide your reasoning and evidence.



Q17: Do you agree with proposals and guidance for network termination points and the inclusion of best practice advice to improve connectivity within the individual dwelling?

Yes

No

Unsure

If no, please provide your reasoning and evidence.



Q18: Do you agree with proposals to include a two-part model form for the connectivity plan with the approved document?

Yes

No

Unsure

If no, please provide your reasoning and evidence.



Q19: If you have any further comments to make regarding the proposals please set them out here.



Q20: Please provide any feedback you have on the impact assessment here, including the assumptions made and the assessment of the potential costs and benefits of the proposed options we have made.



Q21: We would like to know your views on the effects that the proposals would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?



Q22: Please also explain how you believe the proposals could be changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.



Q23: We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:



You are about to submit your response. Please ensure you are satisfied with the answers you have provided before sending.

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| Position (if applicable) |  |
| Organisation (if applicable) |  |
| Email / telephone number: |  |
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Type of organisation:

Builder/Developer

Large Housing Developer

Small Housing Developer

Designer/Engineer/Surveyor

Local Authority Building Control

Approved Inspector Building Control

Construction Professional

Civil Engineer

Architect

Telecommunications Network Provider

Internet Service Provider

Mobile Network Operator

Other interested party (please specify)



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