

## Comment

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<b>Consultation Point</b>	Policy IN 8 Broadband Infrastructure ( <a href="#">View</a> )
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<b>Version</b>	0.4
<b>Question 1a</b>	
<b>Do you consider that the Local Plan is Legally compliant?</b>	No
<b>Question 1b</b>	
<b>Do you consider that the Local Plan sound?</b>	No
<b>Question 1c</b>	
<b>Do you consider that the Local Plan complies with the Duty to Cooperate?</b>	Yes
<b>Question 2</b>	
<b>Do you consider that this part of the Local Plan is unsound because it is not: (tick all that apply)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Consistent with national policy
<b>Question 3a</b>	
<b>Your Comments</b>	

**Please give details of why you consider that this part of the Local Plan is not legally compliant or unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Cooperate.**

In keeping with the latest legislative planned changes to the building regulations in England from March 2021 (DCMS).

Developers must ensure new properties are future-proofed, with a gigabit capable open access network installed for all new builds both residential and commercial.

Please refer developers to an infrastructure provider of their choice to ensure an early adoption of a gigabit capable network.

**Question 4**

**Changes Sought**

**Please Note** your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage. There is the opportunity to attach Word or PDF files before submitting your comment.

**After this stage, further submissions will only be at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues identified for examination.**

**Please set out what change(s) to the Local Plan you consider necessary to make it legally compliant or sound. You will need to say why this change will make the Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for any policy or text.**

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**Question 5**

**Attendance at Examination Hearings**

**If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate in the examination hearings?**

No, I do not wish to participate at the examination hearings

**Question 6**

**Do you request to be notified that the Local Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination under section 22(3) of the regulations and to be notified of the adoption of the Local Plan?**

No, I do not request to be notified