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Mr Neil Wedge
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Dear Neil

Local Full Fibre Networks Challenge Fund Bid

I am writing to you to update you on a bid we are making to the Government's (BDUK) Local Full Fibre Networks Challenge Fund to enable upgrades of public assets which are not currently served with a full fibre connection. The fund is a unique opportunity to meet the costs of providing a full fibre gigabit capable network to your building.

Cabinet has recently approved £0.45m of match funding towards a bid for c. £1.75m of Local Full Fibre Networks funding. The next steps in the bidding process will be to confirm the list of eligible public assets and to present our outline business case for funding to central government on the 18th December 2018.

If successful the bid would proceed through full project documentation stage. We would then undergo a new OJEU compliant procurement /contracting process to secure a commercial supplier to provide the new fibre to the premise networks. The plan is that the procurement will complete ready for a contract award in July 2019 with all LFFN funding drawn down by March 2021. Your internet supplier would then be able to provide your broadband services over the new network.

Your building is eligible for consideration under the bid if:

- If it is not connected to a full fibre or ethernet broadband service delivering 100Mb and scaleable to 1GB and;
- Following an upgrade you would take up as a minimum a 100Mb broadband service package from your IT supplier



Please note there is no requirement from you to provide match funding to the bid to build the fibre networks.

Your current provider should be able to provide an estimate of the monthly costs of a 100Mb package if the fibre connection point was at your premises to compare this with your current charges. In terms of pricing of 100Mb broadband services we are seeing increasing competition in the Internet Service Provider market making these comparable with superfast broadband packages. We expect to see a downward trend in pricing continue as full fibre is rolled out either commercially across the UK and through programmes such as the LFFN Challenge Fund.

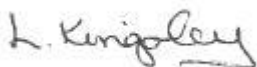
Full fibre broadband brings many benefits as it is many times faster and around five times more reliable than today's superfast internet services. Faster more reliable broadband connections can remove one of the major barriers to the effective use of technology as demand for data grows. In addition it allows access to cloud computing to improve back office and IT management functions at lower cost. There are a number of strategic benefits to extending the full fibre footprint including future proofing delivery of health, education, blue light and community services in Rutland and bringing businesses and homes within closer reach of full fibre on a commercial basis.

To support the bid we require an 'in principle' confirmation that you are interested and eligible for an upgrade as set out above. I would be grateful if you were able to complete the form overleaf and return this to me. Ideally before the BDUK presentation on the 18th December 2018 but if not then as soon in January 2019 as possible.

If we are successful in progressing through the bid process we would move towards a more formal Memorandum of Understanding with you in February 2019 ahead of a procurement starting in March 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on the above.

Yours sincerely



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Local Full Fibre Challenge Funding Bid "In Principle" Eligibility and Interest Form

Public Sector Building	
Asset Name	Uppingham Town Hall
Full Address:	Town Hall High Street East Uppingham Rutland
Principle Contact(s) for LFFN Bid	
Building Ownership /Organisation	<i>Please confirm who owns the asset and the nature and purpose of your organisation (i.e. Charitable)</i>
Public/Community Services.	<i>Please provide a brief description of the public/community services you provide in and from the building</i>

Eligibility and Interest	Yes/No
1. Our building <u>is</u> connected to a full fibre or ethernet broadband service delivering =>100Mb and scaleable to 1GB	

2.Our building <u>is not</u> connected to a full fibre or ethernet broadband service delivering => 100Mb and scaleable to 1GB	
3.We would like our building to be considered on the upgrade list for the Local Full Fibre Networks Challenge Fund	
4.If upgraded with a full fibre network connection we would take up as a minimum a 100Mb service package from our IT supplier.	

Name:	
Position:	
Signature:	
Date:	

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