

**Westminster eForum policy conference:
The future for broadband and mobile connectivity in the UK**

Timing: Morning, Thursday 17th July 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Key developments in UK telecoms - policy, regulation, competition and the landscape moving forward**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing contrasts in UK fixed and mobile telecoms markets**
Senior speaker confirmed from **BT**
- 9.45 **Strategies for supporting growth in the UK mobile market**
investment in mobile infrastructure and outcomes from the Industrial Strategy / tackling planning barriers / promoting competition / impact of merger activity and options for further consolidation / looking ahead to the Telecoms Access Review 2026 / assessing network quality and coverage / tackling not-spots / next steps for the Shared Rural Network / spectrum allocation and licensing
Hamish MacLeod, Chief Executive, Mobile UK
Senior representative, planning
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, legal
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Considerations for Ofcom's Telecoms Access Review 2026**
Ben Harries, Director, Competition Policy, Ofcom
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Putting in place enablers for wireless innovation and growth - spectrum allocation, satellite connectivity and 5G rollout**
Senior representative, innovation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Promoting competition and consumer choice in the UK broadband market**
Senior representative, altnet
- 11.50 **Supporting investment and innovation in the rollout of full-fibre broadband**
next steps for pricing flexibility in full-fibre services / supporting investment, fair competition and consumer protection / assessing approaches to copper retirement / potential impact on existing infrastructure and consumer cost / opportunities for market deregulation / cost saving for UK business / infrastructure sharing and the future of Physical Infrastructure Access / progress of Project Gigabit and strategies for connecting hard-to-reach premises / supporting innovation
Michael Weekes, Principal, Oxera
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, consumers
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for supporting digital infrastructure and the UK telecoms markets**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster eForum