

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

*Timing: Morning, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025*

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Steff Aquarone MP**
- 9.05 **Key developments in UK telecoms - policy, regulation, competition and the landscape moving forward**  
**James Robinson**, Senior Analyst, Assembly Research  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing contrasts in UK fixed and mobile telecoms markets**  
**Clive Carter**, Director, Regulatory Affairs, Competition, Economics and Compliance, 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  
**Sean McHenry**, Head, Town Planning, Cornerstone  
**Peter Davies**, Manager, Frontier Economics  
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**  
**Steff Aquarone MP**
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Kirsteen Sullivan MP**
- 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**  
**Alex Blowers**, Director, Regulatory Affairs, CityFibre
- 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, Oxa  
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**  
**Kirsteen Sullivan MP**  
**Thomas Howard**, Westminster eForum