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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about GIS data relating to broadband and phone connectivity Central Lancashire Local Plan.

We received this request on 23 May 2022 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”).

Your request

You asked: ‘We are in the process of developing a new local plan to cover Central Lancashire, this is a combined plan between Preston, South Ribble and Chorley and it will supersede their existing local plans once adopted. In order to progress the works we need to access GIS data relating to broadband and phone connectivity and hoped you would be able to help. Do you have data available that you could share with us?’

Our response

Please see : <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/multi-sector-research/infrastructure-research/connected-nations-2021/data-downloads>.

The open data files provide broadband and mobile coverage information at various geographic scales that should be able to provide useful information. Please note the ‘About this data’ files that accompany the data files as they explain the data fields used.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please send them to information.requests@ofcom.org.uk quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Gloria Akinyemi

If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request for information and/or consider that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for responding to internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office [here](#).

Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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