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Information Requests  
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## Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning fibre in Bunny NG11.

We received this request on 20 January 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the FOI Act”).

### Your request & our response

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*I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) project in Bunny (NG11 [REDACTED])..., specifically concerning its status, delays, and ultimate cessation. Below are the details of my request:*

Please note that Ofcom’s Connected Nations programme collects information from network infrastructure providers on their plans to deploy Very High Capacity Networks, such as full fibre. Information, at an aggregated and anonymised form, can be found here: [Connected Nations - Planned Network Deployments 2024 - Ofcom](#). Previous reports dating back to 2022 can also be found on this page.

The Connected Nations programme does not collect information on funding levels, roles or responsibilities, or causes to delays, alterations or cancellation of plans.

#### 1. Timeline of FTTP Deployment:

*Please provide information on the planned timeline for FTTP deployment to [REDACTED]... in Bunny from June 2021 onwards, including all changes to the expected delivery date (e.g., June 2021, November 2021, May 2022, December 2022, February 2023).*

We hold some limited information relating to your request. Our records indicate that the property was identified by an operator in 2022 for the provision of very-high capacity network. However, the property was no longer identified by any operator in subsequent years. We are unable to disclose the name of the specific operator as we consider that disclosure of this information is exempt under the FOI Act. In particular, section 44(1)(a) of the FOI Act exempts disclosure of information if its disclosure is prohibited under another enactment. Ofcom is prohibited under section 393(1) of the Communications Act 2003 (“the Communications Act”) from disclosing information about a business which we have obtained in the course of exercising a power conferred by the Communications Act among others, unless we have the consent of that business or one of the statutory gateways under section 393(2) of the Communications Act is met, neither of which applies here. Section 44 of the FOI Act is an absolute exemption and therefore is not subject to a public interest test.

*What were the reasons for each delay, and what factors influenced the shifting timelines?*

We do not hold this information.

*2. CityFibre's Involvement:*

*What was the role of CityFibre in running fibre cables to the poles in Bunny?*

We do not hold this information.

*Was public funding involved in CityFibre's installation of fibre cables in Bunny? If so, how much public money was allocated or spent on this work?*

We do not hold this information.

*What was the scope of CityFibre's project, and why was it stopped abruptly before completion?*

We do not hold this information.

*3. Project Cessation:*

*Please explain why the FTTP deployment project for my property and Bunny was halted. What internal or external factors (e.g., funding, resources, policy changes) led to this decision?*

We do not hold this information.

*Is there a future plan to revisit this project, and if so, when?*

We do not hold this information.

*4. Costs and Public Money Spent:*

*How much public funding (if any) has been spent on the FTTP deployment project in Bunny to date?*

We do not hold this information.

*Please provide a breakdown of what this funding covered (e.g., planning, materials, labour).*

We do not hold this information.

*5. Distance and Technical Details:*

*An Openreach employee mentioned that 1.5 km of fibre cable would be required to service my property. Could you confirm the accuracy of this statement and provide details on why this requirement could not be fulfilled?*

We do not hold this information.

*Were there any alternative solutions proposed to overcome this issue? If so, why were they not pursued?*

We do not hold this information.

You may wish to contact your local authority, as they may have information regarding planning applications in your area and/or details of public funded schemes for broadband deployment.

If you have any further queries, then please send them to [information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) – quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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### **Request an internal review**

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress.

Please email the Information Requests team ([information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk)) to request an internal review.

### **Taking it further**

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner's Office](#).