

MAYOR OF LONDON

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MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS AGREEMENT



We invited you and other interested parties, such as property teams, legal teams, and managing agents to participate on the **Review Panel (RP)** in the development of the **Telecommunications Access Agreement**. The template agreement is intended to be a document that can be endorsed by representatives of telecommunications and property owners alike, and therefore is intended to be an acceptable compromise.

More information on the templates can be found here:

[Greenfield Agreement](#)
[Template](#)

[Rooftop Agreement](#)
[Templates](#)

CONNECTED LONDON FULL LONDON FIBRE NETWORK



On 11th April, the fourth Connected London Full Fibre Network partnership meeting took place in City Hall, in which we discussed the pilot proposal with boroughs. The pilot proposal aims to deliver a portion of the approved LFFN bid using an existing TfL procurement framework. The rationale behind this is to get an understanding of the challenges ahead and learning key lessons for the project. We have now received 5 partner bids and TfL will liaise with industry for estimates before deciding which pilot/s to take forward.

In late March, TfL has issued the ITT schedule to bidder. Very many thanks to all the boroughs involved who have dedicated time and resource over these past few weeks for various data requests. We are nearly there!

The next LDN:FFN partnership-wide steering group meeting will be at 9am on Tuesday 9th July in City Hall.

FUTURE SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP



The fourth round of sub-regional workshops between GLA, boroughs and invited stakeholders will take place in April and May, with many thanks to our hosts! Invitations have been sent, please check your diaries and confirm/decline attendance.

Borough workshops	Date	Time	Boroughs/bodies	Sub region
Harrow Civic Centre, Harrow, HA1 2XF	29- Apr	14.00- 16.00	Brent, Harrow, Hillingdon, Barnet, Ealing, Hounslow, H&F, OPDC, West London Alliance	West London
Lewisham Civic Suite, Catford Road, SE6 4RU	07- May	14.00- 16.00	Greenwich, Wandsworth, Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham	South Central
Newham 1000 Dockside Road, Newham, E16 2QU	30- Apr	10.00- 12.00	Enfield, Haringey, Waltham Forest, Newham, Redbridge, B&D, Havering	North East
Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NX	14- May	10.00- 12.00	Hackney, K&C, Westminster, Camden, Islington, Tower Hamlets, City of London	North Central
Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4	02- May	14.00- 16.00	Bexley, Sutton, Bromley, Kingston, Croydon, Richmond, Merton, South London Partnership	South

BOROUGH UPDATES



HACKNEY

At Hackney Council, the Cabinet have approved our digital connectivity vision. This sets out the principles of our programme, with the emphasis on social value over income generation. You can read more about it in the Mayor's blog [here](#). Our next steps will be to engage with Hackney residents and businesses on our plans. We are looking to develop a bulk wayleave to provide FTTP broadband to our social housing, and to leverage our rooftops and street furniture to deliver social benefits.

ENFIELD

Our draft Digital Infrastructure Strategy – “Digital Enfield” is in its final iteration and about to be discussed with the Cabinet lead for sign-off to go to formal consultation and agreement.

We have mapped the entire borough to identify existing ducting, CCTV, public buildings, social housing and local businesses with an overlay of OFCOM take up data to help us focus on our priority areas for future joint working and investment. This is helping us to look at potential phasing and prioritisation of enabling digital infrastructure work. This is also helping us work with other partners to

understand our capabilities and attractiveness in the market.

This has led us to put together a successful SIP funding bid to extend our currently owned ducting network by a further 10 km in our most prioritised areas of east and south-east Enfield. This is part of the wider successful Local London bid that has secured £8m for digital infrastructure enhancement across the sub-region.

We are also enshrining the commitment to world class digital infrastructure into our Corporate Plan – Enfield: A Lifetime of Opportunities and seeking to ensure that all new housing developments are FTTP enabled

CROYDON

Croydon Digital Strategy, which will include digital place and smart strategy is being developed and will be published this summer. Croydon currently has 2 live Internet of Things pilot projects using LoRaWA technology. The first pilot is about measuring air quality around construction sites in the town centre and is delivered in partnership with Air Public ([see blog](#)); the second pilot is about monitoring temperature and humidity in a social housing block under refurbishment and recladding. The pilot is delivered in partnership with VRM

Both pilots will be reviewed in the coming weeks and we will assess opportunities to extend and expand them.

Progress have been made with interested providers on the adaptation of the City of London wayleave template, which in Croydon will see a social value promise document attached to it. Although not legally binding the promise document will capture the commitment of providers to deliver social value when rolling out their full fibre programme across Croydon's social housing estate. This will range from apprenticeships and jobs to free Wi-Fi provision to digital inclusion and digital skills initiatives as well as environmental commitment.

SOUTHWARK

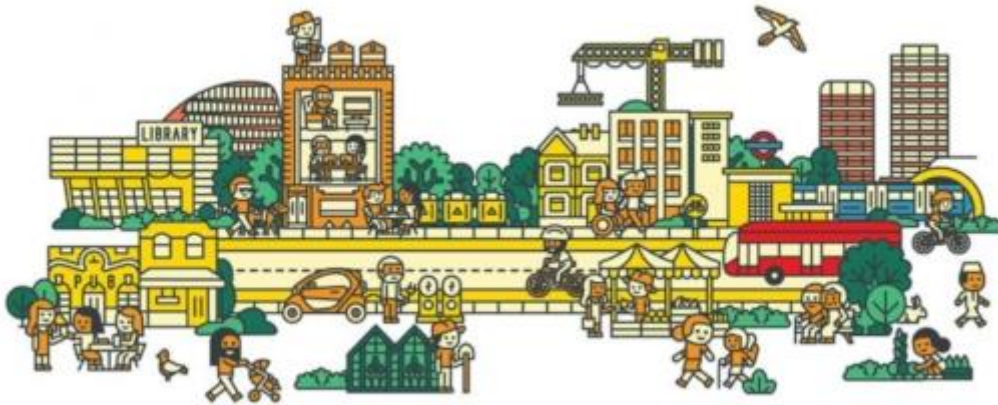
Southwark Council are committed to being a digitally inclusive borough, where all residents and businesses have access to the digital tools needed to live and work in Southwark. Access to high speed broadband is an important part of the council's promise to build a strong local economy for everyone. Connectivity is poor in Southwark and areas like Rotherhithe lack workable broadband speeds (as low as 2Mbps). With the growing demand for connectivity at home, action needed to be taken to overcome digital exclusion and seize the opportunity to future-proof housing stock for future

connectivity needs.

In June 2017, the council released its [Digital Infrastructure Strategy 2017-2020](#) which set out the council's aspirations to improve connectivity. Supported by cabinet members, the council has engaged with fibre and internet service providers. A dedicated digital infrastructure team have worked in partnership with Community Fibre and Hyperoptic on an [estate fibre broadband programme](#) connecting 53,000 homes to gigabit-fast broadband by 2020. Wayleave agreements were signed to support the installation of [aerial wifi](#) equipment on council properties to enable 4G home broadband services in areas with poor connectivity. Southwark are also part of the consortium to deliver LDN:LFFN project and promoting the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme to businesses. The team are now looking to explore how IoT technology can be used to deliver council services differently. Using WiFi connectivity on estates and setting up LoRaWan networks, they will identify new ways to collect data and inform services better. Email better.broadband@southwark.gov.uk to speak to the digital infrastructure team about this, or click the button below to find out more.

[Find out more](#)

DRAFT LONDON PLAN



The Examination in Public (EiP) is currently underway and the session on the digital connectivity policy is being held on Monday 13th May. The hearings will conclude at the end of May, and then the Panel will write a report outlining their findings and recommendations to the Mayor. The Mayor is required to respond to the recommendations prior to adopting the Plan. More information can be found at the [EiP hearings website](#).

[Find out more](#)

PROVIDERS UPDATE



David Sangster from G.Network is keen to talk to boroughs about deploying full-fibre across London.

G.Network has been working with Westminster council to deliver FTTP to businesses and residents over the past 18 months. In 2018 they inform us that they have laid 25Kms of network, primarily in Mayfair, Marylebone, Soho and Covent Garden, connecting some 13,000 businesses and residences. In 2019 they want to invest a further £60m in FTTP roll out to accommodate a further 120,000+ more premises across central London.

They install new ducts and lay fibre infrastructure, this involves digging the streets to provide access points to every premises they pass. Once a street is built, the customer lead-times are typically a few days and the tariffs are competitive and comparable with the existing copper tariffs in the market.

SPECIFICATION FOR THE REINSTATEMENTS OF OPENINGS IN HIGHWAYS (SROH)



Department for Transport

The Department for Transport has launched a consultation on the new edition of the 'Specification for the reinstatement of openings in highways' (SROH). This statutory code of practice sets out the standards that utility companies must adhere to when reinstating roads on completion of street works.

The SROH is the rules and regulations that govern streetworks deployment and reinstatement techniques/materials. Essentially, local authorities (and utilities) use it to decide what is allowed/not allowed when digging up a highway and putting it back together, and the standard by which reinstatements are judged against.

- From a Barrier Busting perspective, the new edition introduces several positive changes:
- Greater acceptance of innovation and new techniques/materials (for example, microtrenching).
- Performance-based reinstatement standards rather than technical (for example, relaxation of rules on air voids).

The consultation closes **6th May 2019 at 11:45pm**.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Local Government Association

The LGA are surveying local government to collect evidence on the quality of mobile and broadband coverage across England, and to understand how councils are supporting the extension of digital connectivity in their local areas. The survey has already been sent out to all councils but, in some cases, it might have hit spam filters. Please would colleagues email daniel.shamplin-hall@local.gov.uk if they have not received the survey. Daniel will then send you a personalised link.

DCMS



Department for Culture Media & Sport

The Barrier Busting team is developing their contacts database across the UK. They are requesting up to date contacts in London involved in digital infrastructure -- the digital champion. Please provide the details [here](#).

DCMS has launched the [Digital Connectivity Portal](#), an online resource for local authorities and communications network providers with guidance on how to encourage investment in fibre and mobile networks at the local level. The new portal provides practical guidance on areas such as: digital

infrastructure strategies, enabling the use of local authority assets for network deployment, access agreements, considerations for the local planning authority, and street works. The portal will be updated periodically as new laws, regulations and examples of best practice develop. If you have any suggestions on how to improve this, please let the Connected London team know and we will get in touch with the DCMS.

FIBRE DUCTING IN TRANSPORT SCHEMES AND REINSTATEMENT SPECIFICATIONS

The Connected London team recently met with Connecting Cambridgeshire team to talk about their new policy proposal for fibre ducting to be installed on all new council run transport schemes. The policy involves getting ducting installed whenever a highway is being reinstated with the intention of maintaining a register and building up a borough wide network of ducts that can be used for faster delivery of digital connectivity. You can read more about the policy in the Cambridge [Economy and Environment Committee Paper](#). Fibre ducting is discussed in sections 2.12-2.22 and Appendix A contains the specification.

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