

Ofcom Review of the Universal Service Obligation

Consultation response from Macclesfield Borough Council

Q2 – definition of “site”

No objection to 400 metre criterion

Q3 – definition of site – as above

- **the public bodies with the local veto** – agreed that the veto should rest with a single public body in any one area in consultation with other public bodies. However, in two tier areas the District Council would be more appropriate than the County Council with similar population size and geographical area to unitary authorities elsewhere.
- **The extended consultation period** – agree 90 days
- **Rules on cashless PCB’s** – agreed. However BT are currently consulting locally on proposals which do not use those criteria and would involve the proportion of cash operated PCB’s being significantly less than 70%

Q4 – as above. BT in recent consultations, refused to acknowledge that a right of veto exists – and also refused to provide information to enable an informed reply. Disabled access should also be one of the criteria.

Other issues –New low cost scheme – there should be a requirement to give wide publicity to the scheme and to provide information to local authorities to provide to those in receipt of benefits.