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"the people"

What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep nothing confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

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Additional comments:

Question 1: How enduring do you think congestion problems are likely to be on different networks and for different players?:

They are neither enduring nor 'real' and are only propagated by the telco sector as a means of 'artificially' creating scarcity - on which their obsolete business models derived from the

telecoms era, are founded. No person has found the upper limit of a SINGLE strand of fibre which has the innate physical potential to carry all the traffic of the UK at once. Likewise, the 'active equipment' which hangs on the end of this fibre and realises this capacity, is being impacted by Moore's Law. So we are faced with a future of absurdly abundant capacity at every falling cost - most of which is in the hands of vested interests whose deeply entrenched business models are based on ensuring this information (let alone reality) never becomes understood by the politicians and public.

Question 2: What do you think are possible incentives for potentially unfair discrimination?:

The single goal and primary mission of the telco operators/ISPs/Cable Cos is SURVIVAL. This is their primary incentive for unfair discrimination and they look to the regulator as the only lever left to pull.

But history teaches us that survival is neither compulsory nor a legitimate business model.

Question 3: Can you provide any evidence of economic and or consumer value generated by traffic management? :

NO - can anyone? However, if the telcos artificially 'create' the scarcity, its not too difficult for them to argue that 'management of the scarcity' is useful.

How much of the fibre capacity laid in the UK during the 1990s is 'lit'??

Question 4: Conversely, do you think that unconstrained traffic management has the potential for (or is already causing) consumer/citizen harm? Please include any relevant evidence. :

No - quite the opposite. Look at the growth of the internet to date and all the innovation and creativity that it has spawned....BECAUSE not DESPITE there being no constraining traffic management!

Question 5: Can you provide any evidence that allowing traffic management has a negative impact on innovation? :

Yes - I know lots of creators of content that want to innovate and compete against (and outperform?) the likes of SKY and BT but they cannot because of the deliberate policy of imposing traffic management through the asymmetric bandwidth topography imposed by vested interests on the local access network. It need not have been like that and indeed, in 1984 the UK Govt bravely attempted to promote new broadband 'interactive' and symmetric local networks - only to be out-lobbied by the duopoly.

Question 6: Ofcom's preliminary view is that there is currently insufficient evidence to justify ex ante regulation to prohibit certain forms of traffic management. Are you aware of evidence that supports or contradicts this view? :

No - but then I have not read the deluge of other submissions you will be receiving from the telecoms sector.

Question 7: Ofcom's preliminary view is that more should be done to increase consumer transparency around traffic management. Do you think doing so would sufficiently address any potential concerns and why?:

Irrelevant

Question 8: Are you aware of any evidence that sheds light on peoples' ability to understand and act upon information they are given regarding traffic management?:

Speeding tickets?

Question 9: How can information on traffic management be presented so that it is accessible and meaningful to consumers, both in understanding any restrictions on their existing offering, and in choosing between rival offerings? Can you give examples of useful approaches to informing consumers about complex issues, including from other sectors?:

It cannot and should not be attempted. If we had a truly free market without the artificial perpetuation of the 'service provider' model with its entirely artificial and unnecessary (and highly damaging) wholesale/retail division. If the principles of the Internet were taken right to the bedroom and living room and not deliberately 'firewalled' at the ISP/Telco's central office, then the world would prosper.

Question 10: How can compliance with transparency obligations best be verified?:

Having none

Question 11: Under what circumstances do you think the imposition of a minimum quality of service would be appropriate and why? :

The ballot box returning another socialist 'command and control' Government that believes that a top-down driven approach