

## **Comments:**

I am Chairman of our Parish Council and as such I am aware of a great many people in rural communities who are trying to conduct their businesses in a manner which reduces their need to travel and commute. The greatest assistance to this process is fast, efficient and reliable broadband access. Currently none of these attributes applies to the standard of broadband available to us in less densely populated areas. We are situated in the Blackmore Vale surrounded by suitable hills festooned with masts just waiting for wireless broadband to be made available to help us to reduce our carbon footprint and run efficient businesses and community schemes. We do feel that we are the less well served country cousins in the field of broadband provision and greatly welcome this initiative.

**Question 1: Anyone with an interest in these matters is invited to comment on any aspect of our proposals, conclusions and supporting analysis. We would also welcome any evidence that interested parties are able to provide in support of their comments.:**

I can only speak for myself and those local with whom I have discussed the issue but frequent crashes for periods from several minutes to several hours are frequent, sometimes eight times a day and the degradation of service at busy times is prohibitive.