

The 5% of the population with the greatest need for improved Broadband has changed little from 2012 to 2016 despite the initial flagging of BDUK as a 'rural' broadband project.

Much public money has been spent upgrading 'uncommercial' urban and sub-urban areas, many of which had speeds in excess of the proposed USO to start with.

BT seems to have a variable definition of 'uncommercial' depending on how technically knowledgeable the County Council Project leader is - locally a 400 house estate in an urban area received BDUK funding - how is this 'uncommercial'?

My view is that the USO is an excuse to underserve rural areas because the available money has been spent inappropriately.

I am not in favour of a USO, I am in favour of a full rollout of Fibre to rural areas which contribute significantly to the economy of the country.

WE ARE NOT SECOND CLASS CITIZENS.