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Dear Karen,

Wholesale Local Access Review

Thank you for your letter of 15 August. As you know, our proposals for the wholesale pricing of superfast broadband are out to consultation. We are keen to hear views from as wide a range of stakeholders as possible before we finalise our plans.

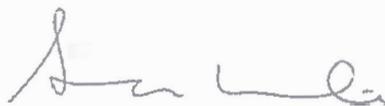
Our overarching aim in this review is to encourage investment in new, full fibre broadband networks while protecting consumers from excessive prices. Our proposals would see charges reduced for customers of 40/10 Mbit/s superfast broadband but allow BT pricing flexibility for faster broadband services.

We have had a number of responses so far to our consultation, expressing a range of views. Some stakeholders have argued for wholesale prices to be more aggressively constrained. Other stakeholders have taken the opposite position and suggested that BT should have greater pricing flexibility for superfast broadband as well as for higher speed services.

We will be considering all these responses carefully and in detail over the next few months, together with reactions to our supplementary consultation on costs that BT might legitimately recover for delivering the Government's universal service commitment. We intend to make a final statement in the early part of 2018.

We are publishing all responses to our WLA consultation, and we will, therefore, publish your letter and my reply in due course.

Best wishes,



Sharon White