

As a private individual who utilizes public wifi on a regular basis throughout the UK, I strongly believe that the Digital Economy Act could stifle Wifi provision and see individuals targeted unfairly.

It is very unfair for providers of a public service to be unreasonably held responsible for the way that their service is used by a member of the general public. It is tantamount to accusing a lorry driver of terrorism for carrying sealed packages (as lorry drivers often do) that contained sensitive information to be delivered to terrorists.

This provision would either force wifi providers to cease providing the service, or force them to limit and censor the data that runs over their network. As it is contrary to freedom of speech and freedom of expression for service providers, like telephone companies for instance, to limit and/or censor the conversations and communications that private individuals choose to have, an obligation like this should not be placed on wifi providers.