

I am a student, worker, researcher and freelancer who earns his living in a variety of ways. When I am out and about, doing one particular job, it is vital that I can go to a cafe, pub, library or hotspot where I can use free wifi to stay on top of my other work commitments. In this way I am representative of the ever growing precarious workforce which, while it is a problematic phenomenon, is only going to grow, and it will help the UK to grow out of recession. The growth of public wifi has done more for the national economy in terms of increased communication and flexible work potential than, say, a new high speed railway would. Introducing this legislation, which could severely limit the willingness of high street vendors to offer this service, is so short sighted and counterproductive it hurts to think about it.