

I have had problems in the past with my wifi connection, where a neighbour has managed to break into my wifi connection. I only found out because I heard him bragging about it. During the time that he had access to my wifi, I cannot be sure what he may have been using my internet connection for. It could be he used it for legitimate purposes, or perhaps he used it for copyright infringement. Given that this can happen to people whose network is actually secured, it would be extremely unsatisfactory if people like myself could end up having to suffer consequences because of something they had no idea was happening. I am concerned about the prospect of this becoming commonplace.

Even more concerning is the issue where a wifi is knowingly shared in a public place, like the new tube project and generally public wifi. I am myself a regular user of just such a service when I visit the local library and it would be most unfortunate if the library were to be forced to cease providing this service merely because they cannot guarantee that the users of their network will use it in a legitimate fashion. This would have a severe negative impact on my local community (and I am sure other local communities) when people start deciding that providing the service is not worth the risk of prosecution.