

Cumbria County Council

Fibre is often seen as the solution to affordable, sustainable, broadband provision, but in Cumbria wireless access will also play a significant part. The 800 Mhz spectrum is uniquely suitable to improve rural mobile broadband coverage in conjunction with additional radio mast sites.

Cumbria would impress upon Ofcom the need for a more ambitious coverage obligation on the very valuable 800 Mhz radio spectrum licence and for that obligation to require mobile network operators to build at least 1400 new radio mast sites across the country, approximately 50 in Cumbria, to specifically improve mobile broadband coverage to the last 5% of the population.