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Self

Question 1: When do you consider it would be timely and efficient for next generation access investment to take place in the UK?:

Investment needs to start within the delivery time of the existing 21CN project

Leaving it later will mean it will be at least 2015 before anything is ready to use.
China will snigger at us!

Question 2: Do you agree with the principles outlined for regulating next generation access?:

Question 3: How should Ofcom reflect risk in regulated access terms?:

Question 4: Do you agree with the need for both passive and active access remedies to promote competition?:

Question 5: Do you consider there to be a role of direct regulatory or public policy intervention to create artificial incentives for earlier investment in next generation access?:

YES!!!

BT are only now implementing 21CN. They will not want to invest further before they have seen their investment returned and rewarded.

Additional comments:

Urgent improvements required to the final mile - the connection from the exchange to the end user. Even with 21CN, the best I'm likely to see is 4 or 5 m/bits as I live so far from the exchange.

In addition there should be a view to make the quantum leap - stepping up from 24m/bit to 200m/bit capacity, with a serious focus on minimising the effects of contention, and an option for an ISDN like dedicated line offering in the 20m/bit zone