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

From 2008.

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

Yes, the principles outlined are generally sound.

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

Ofcom should strive for principles based regulation but reinforce protection of SMEs and general public with specific regulation.

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

Yes.

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, the current incumbent telco (BT) requires competition to encourage it to put FTTH (Fibre to the Home). BT has already declared that it will not undertake extensive fibre upgrade for the foreseeable future.

Additional comments:

If the UK is to compete with the rest of the world, the a high capacity fibre network to the home is required. Public investment would be repaid many times over very quickly. If the UK does not upgrade its network, UK business and GDP will suffer in global competition.