Consultation response form

Your response

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Question 1: Do you have any comments on our proposed policy and approach to our information gathering powers under the legislation within the scope of the policy?	Confidential? – N Please find below general points with regards to the policy and approach (both for current and proposed): Consider tailoring frequency and extent of information requests - e.g. looking at tiering/based on number of connections/staff/organisation size. This could be used to determine both the quantity of data to be provided, and additionally the timescales for providing information. Review the timing of submissions (e.g. avoid summer holidays) as this will help respondents to be more efficient with their time and plan resource better. The number of information requests this August has been unmanageable for smaller organisations. Set-up a buddy system to allow smaller and less experienced organisations to partner with a larger and more mature organisations to assist with reporting and create effective and repeatable frameworks. Data gathering - a way to provide data in a more automated way for example using APIs to request/receive information. Information provided via the portal to be accessible post-submission and any requests to change could be tracked/audited. Additionally, potentially consider a shorter period for forecasting of build data which can be changeable and will be likely decrease over time as more and more of the UK gets full fibre coverage. .

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	Providers of information to have a preview of the data before it is made public, by early visibility or presentation of the collated data in advance of publication. Meetings in person with providers to go over data requests, rather than simply relying of the formal written s135 letters It would be beneficial for Ofcom to better understand the cost implications of their requests. Could Ofcom estimate the cost of providing the information requests for providers, considering resource levels and system capability and then tailor their requests accordingly.
Question 2: Do you have any comments on our assessment of the likely impact of our proposed update to our policy?	Confidential? – N