RESPONSE TO OFCOM CONSULTATION FOR:

COPPER RETIREMENT – CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH COPPER REGULATION COULD BE COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN IN ULTRAFAST EXCHANGE AREAS.

I would highlight two significant items in my response to this Consultation.

Page 3 – Paragraph 2.10 reference 18; states:-

"Openreach has stated that it does not intend to provide an IP – based voice service following TDM switch off".

Page 4 – Paragraph 2.13 reference 19; states:-

"Ultrafast includes services provided using fibre of G.Fast where this can provide a download speed of 300 Mb/s".

I would agree to Ofcom's proposal (as set out within the highlighted area on Page 1 of the Consultation document) PROVIDED IT WILL ALLOW BUSINESSES TO SOURCE THEIR OWN VOICE IP SERVICES AS THE ULTRAFAST SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VARIOUS EXCHANGES. HENCE, ADVANCING THE MIGRATION TO VOICE IP.

Q1 – Agree, together with the above comment.

Q2 – Agree, together with the above comment.

Q3 - Agree.

Submitted by: