

Dear Sir/Madam,

I saw the notification of the Proposal to give a direction applying the electronic code to the applicants Connexin Ltd., Exponential-e Ltd and Fibre Me Ltd in a national newspaper on 22nd December.

My understanding of this matter is that companies installing fibre to provide or improve internet services will be able to carry out work on public land without the need to apply for planning permission or for a specific works licence.

I tried to raise this with a Senior Buckinghamshire County Councillor in the hope that the County Council would respond to this through a senior officer, but was simply advised that I could respond myself.

My response is: whilst it is very important that access to the internet is increased and improved - if this means that roads will be closed or traffic severely delayed by such work - without the knowledge and permission of Local Authorities, I am against "applying the Code" to the said applicants.

My query is: If these companies are given the powers described, will they work in collaboration with Local Planning and Transport Authorities to ensure that the road network is not compromised and road users are given advance warning and alternative routes around road closures and obstructions?

I look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully - Heather Pomroy