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Highlands & Islands Enterprise Community Broadband Scotland

STATE AID PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR SOUTH LANARKSHIRE DUMFRIESHIRE AND BORDERS – CLOSURE NOTE

1. Outcome of the Public Consultation

The combined Public Consultation for the areas of South Lanarkshire, Dumfriesshire, and Borders closed on 11th November 2016, with no responses received.

Following this process, the intervention area for the project was finalised prior to commencing procurement. The final State Aid maps for NGA Broadband is provided in Section 4 and is available on the Highlands & Islands Enterprise Community Broadband Scotland website at:

<http://www.hie.co.uk/community-support/community-broadband-scotland/resource-library.html>

2. Timescales

The following table summarises the indicative timescales of the planned procurements:

Activity	Date
Consultation period for the State Aid Public Consultation	7th October 2016 to 11th November 2016
Submit State Aid notification (Part 1) to the Department for Media Culture and Sport	January 2017 through to April 2017
Issue Invitation to Tender	ESPD/ITT: January 2017 through to April 2017
Submit State Aid notification (Part 2) to the Department for Media Culture and Sport	Summer/Autumn 2017

3. Revised State Aid Maps

The following criteria have been used by Highlands & Islands Enterprise to determine the classification of areas into NGA (Next Generation Access) White/Grey/Black areas:

- A postcode is turned grey if there is only one broadband infrastructure operator currently or planning to provide (in the next three years) NGA services (supporting minimum speeds of at least 30Mbps) to all premises in that postcode.
- A postcode is turned black if there are at least two broadband infrastructure operators currently or planning to provide (in the next three years) NGA services (supporting minimum speeds of at least 30Mbps) to all premises in that postcode.
- All other postcodes remain white.

For Basic Broadband no data was received from the market to allow Basic Broadband State Aid mapping.

The following tables summarise the outcome of the Public Consultation in terms of NGA White, Grey and Black postcodes and premises in each area:

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The proposed NGA Intervention Area includes **749** NGA White premises spread over **72** NGA White postcodes.

	Number of postcodes	Number of black premises	Number of grey premises	Number of white premises
Black postcodes	0	0	0	-
Grey postcodes	18	0	149	-
White postcodes	72	0	184	749

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The proposed NGA Intervention Area includes **2171** NGA White premises spread over **261** NGA White postcodes.

	Number of postcodes	Number of black premises	Number of grey premises	Number of white premises
Black postcodes	0	0	0	-
Grey postcodes	10	0	84	-
White postcodes	261	0	330	2171

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The proposed NGA Intervention Area includes **177** NGA White premises spread over **33** NGA White postcodes.

	Number of postcodes	Number of black premises	Number of grey premises	Number of white premises
Black postcodes	0	0	0	-
Grey postcodes	0	0	0	-
White postcodes	33	0	0	177

4. State Aid Maps

The State Aid maps for the Intervention Areas are shown below.

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Updated State Aid Maps - The updated NGA State Aid maps are shown below:

<see separate pdf files>

Figure 1: NGA Broadband State Aid Map

5. Stakeholder Responses

Whilst the key purpose of the consultation was to check back with suppliers our understanding of their current or planned coverage proposals for broadband infrastructure, it was also to take account of any new private or publicly funded community broadband schemes and to give an opportunity for the public to comment. No responses were received from the public.

6. Status of Intervention Area

The State Aid Public Consultation is now closed. Highlands & Islands Enterprise will submit the State Aid (Part 1) notification to the National Competence Centre (part of the Department for Culture Media and Sport) which oversees the UK National Broadband Scheme. This will set out the Intervention Areas mapped above. When clearance is granted, meaning the Intervention Areas mapped above are confirmed as eligible for public sector intervention by Highlands & Islands Enterprise, then the procurements will commence as per the indicated timescales in Section 2.

7. Contact Details

If you have any comments or questions regarding the project, you can get in touch with the Community Broadband Scotland project team by email at: cbs-enquiries@hient.co.uk

Up-to-date information about Community Broadband Scotland can be found at: <http://www.hie.co.uk/community-support/community-broadband-scotland/>