

Open Market Review Template

Broadband East Riding

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. INTRODUCTION

The Broadband East Riding Programme strives to ensure access to the best possible broadband connectivity across its area (The East Riding of Yorkshire, covering areas such as Goole, Pocklington, Bridlington, Hornsea and Withernsea) and support the Government's target for 85% of the country's premises to have access to gigabit services by 2025.

The last East Riding of Yorkshire Council Open Market Review concluded in February 2018. The aim of this Open Market Review is to re-baseline data and inform future plans, and to establish existing and planned (next 3 years) commercial coverage of broadband services across the East Riding of Yorkshire region by all existing, and any prospective, broadband infrastructure providers.

2. GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

As described above, our Area encompasses the premises that are defined within the accompanying spreadsheet¹ which details the post codes and associated premises at Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) level. The data has been sourced from the East Riding of Yorkshire Councils Local Land and Property Gazetteer dated June 2021 and includes all commercial and residential premises within the East Riding of Yorkshire region. A map of this area is shown at the foot of this document and is also available in a GIS format upon request.

3. PROGRESS TO DATE

East Riding of Yorkshire Council has procured three contracts to date, utilising the 2012 and 2016 National Broadband Schemes to increase broadband coverage in the area.

Between 2013 and 2019, Contract 1 and 2 of the Broadband East Riding Programme has delivered approximately 50,000 superfast broadband connections to premises across the region via national framework contracts coordinated by the Department for Digital Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). Contract 3 of the Broadband East Riding Programme aims to deliver gigabit capable connectivity to over 1,300 premises by December 2021.

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council is supporting the Government target of delivering gigabit-capable connectivity to 85% of premises in the UK by 2025. It is estimated that 59.73% of the East Riding of Yorkshire has access to gigabit capable connectivity to date, with 96% of the region able to access Superfast speeds².

It is the intention of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to utilise funding from various available sources, including funding from Project Gigabit from BDUK. It is therefore the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's intention to procure gigabit capable connections.

¹ OMR Response template will be released to providers once East Riding of Yorkshire Council have received the signed PMSA Standard Form Contractor Licence which can be found at the end of this document

² Data sourced from ThinkBroadband.com and was correct as at 30 July 2021.

4. **PURPOSE OF THIS OMR**

East Riding of Yorkshire Council is commencing an Open Market Review (“OMR”) to establish existing and planned (next 3 years as a minimum) commercial coverage of broadband services across the East Riding of Yorkshire region by all existing and any prospective, broadband infrastructure providers. The Council is also interested in capturing information from suppliers around other interventions, such as current or planned community builds of the application of funding from other sources.

The results of the OMR will assist us with understanding the broadband infrastructure (whether NGA, ultrafast or gigabit capable) already in place and where there are plans for investment in such infrastructure in the coming three years and a significant step in the design of your intervention area.

5. **YOUR RESPONSE REQUIRED**

We are sending this OMR to all recognised broadband infrastructure and internet providers in our area. In addition, we are publishing this OMR document on our website.

We require responses by 15 September 2021 to the questions set out in the Annex. When responding, we would be grateful if you could confirm your organisation's name and address, as well as the name, position and contact details of the person responding on behalf of the organisation.

The OMR Response Template which will be released to providers once the East Riding of Yorkshire Council has received the signed PSMA Partners Standard Form Contractor Licence, is to be returned via email to broadband@eastriding.gov.uk marked “Broadband East Riding OMR 2021”

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council will ensure that data collected from each supplier is held securely and separately. Please note that the data you provide in your response will be treated as commercially confidential, albeit that it may be necessary to share some/all of your response data with our professional advisors and/or BDUK, Ofcom and BEIS State Aid Branch. We will use this information to define the intervention areas for the Public Review.

Please ensure that you engage with us as soon as possible to confirm whether you would require to put in place a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) enabling us to share data between each other and the associated bodies as part of this NDA process.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact the Broadband East Riding Programme Team, East Riding of Yorkshire Council at broadband@eastriding.gov.uk .

ANNEX

1. **Please provide details and supporting evidence of any current or planned investment in broadband infrastructure (basic broadband, NGA broadband, ultrafast and gigabit) in the East Riding of Yorkshire Council area. In the case of planned investment, we are particularly interested in plans for the coming three years (to 2024). However, any plans for years beyond that would also be of interest. Any information should include but need not be limited to:**

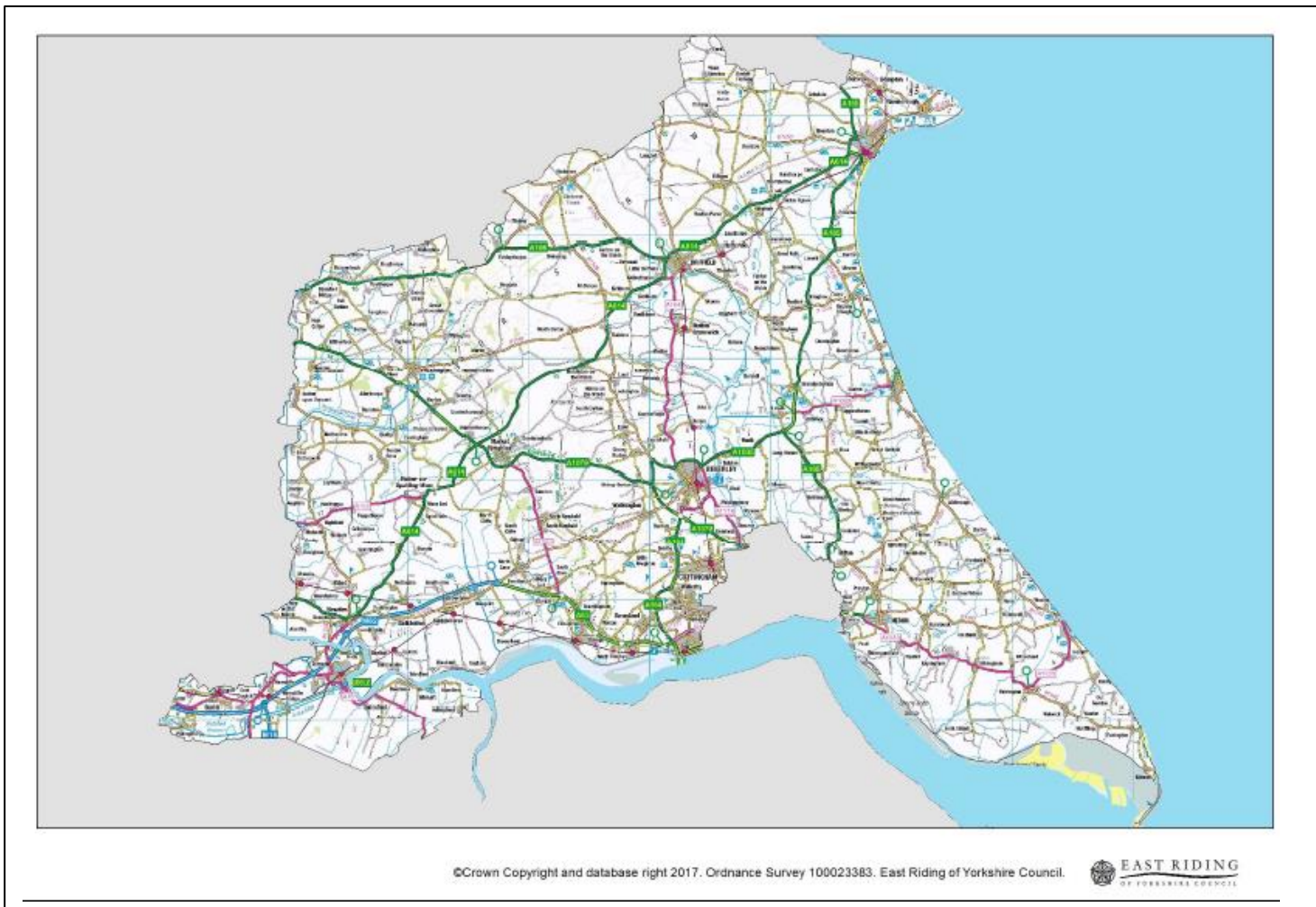
- Premises detail for basic broadband and NGA, ultrafast or gigabit showing the existing coverage and separately maps detailing the planned investment for at least the next three years;
- For information only, capability definition is consistent with the definitions set out in Ofcom Connected Nations Reports³, e.g.
 - decent (10 Mbps and above),
 - superfast (30 Mbps and above),
 - ultrafast (300 Mbps and above) and
 - gigabit-capable broadband, which can offer speeds of 1 Gbps and above.
- Exact detail of premises passed or covered, including information on the number of premises passed (in the case of a fixed network) or covered and able to receive services (in the case of a wireless/satellite network);
- Details of the technology and where these claim to be NGA, ultrafast or gigabit, demonstrate how they meet the minimum standards as set-out in the BDUK Technology Guidelines⁴.
- Description of the services/ products currently offered and separately those to be offered within the next 3 years;
- Upload and download speeds typically experienced by end users;
- Appropriate indicators of quality of the service e.g. contention ratio or bandwidth allocation per end user;
- Evidence to substantiate actual or planned coverage claims including business cases and evidence of available funding to enable plans to be fulfilled.
- Details and timing of roll-out for future investment; and
- Confirmation from an authorised signatory that all information provided is of suitable accuracy.

Please supplement with supporting evidence as you consider appropriate e.g. public websites.

Thank you,
East Riding of Yorkshire Council

³[Connected Nations 2020: UK report \(ofcom.org.uk\)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/536767/2016_NBS-State_Aid_Guidance_-_NGA_Technology.pdf)

⁴https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/536767/2016_NBS-State_Aid_Guidance_-_NGA_Technology.pdf



PSGA Standard Form Contractor Licence

The PSGA Standard Form Contractor Licence document is available separately from the Broadband East Riding website at: <http://broadband.eastriding.gov.uk/>

Premises level template

Broadband infrastructure providers will be provided with PSMA data upon signing the Licence Contract from East Riding of Yorkshire Council for the sole purpose of establishing existing and planned (next 3 years) commercial coverage of broadband services across the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Area. The PSMA data provided details the postcodes and number of households for the East Riding should only be used for the purpose detailed above.