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**Sent:** 21 April 2015 19:59

**To:** Anne Milton

**Cc:** Philip Virgo; Graham Long; David Cooper; Geraldine Firth; Lindsey Annison; Chris Conder; Patrick Cosgrove

**Subject:** Re: FAO Sarah Coleby & Anne Milton

Dear Sarah and Anne,

Thank you very much for spending the time to reply.

Not only is "piecemeal" entirely wrong, it allows both BT, Public servants and even senior politicians to hide behind hyped-up weasel words which, at best, are seriously misleading.

I don't suppose you've forgotten that I've been unsuccessful in persuading Public Servants and politicians to alter course as has Dr Peter Cochrane, BT's former CTO who has also (far more seriously) been ignored.

You will observe, in the link below, that the "copper cabal" all still persist with highly questionable procedures merely to exacerbate the disaster which is all too prevalent throughout the UK; except for the few communities such as B4RN who have already delivered well over 1,000 services (rapidly increasing) at 1,000 Mbps upstream and downstream. The deplorable situation was amply demonstrated in the Westminster hall debate on March 4 including a thoroughly unconvincing reply by Edward Vaizey.

<http://www.westernmorningnews.co.uk/Rural-broadband-short-changed-BT-Connecting-Devon/story-26359371-detail/story.html>

We have now resorted to a rather crude form of comedy (See below) as yet another attempt via Twitter to raise public awareness over this very serious situation which must already be affecting the UK's commercial viability and prosperity now and for many years to come.

Pls RT

Many a true word written in jest

[tinyurl.com/lpebty9](http://tinyurl.com/lpebty9)

[tinyurl.com/mkft4c8](http://tinyurl.com/mkft4c8)

[tinyurl.com/lhrxwfu](http://tinyurl.com/lhrxwfu)

These were, I believe, originally produced by the Hydestyle Surrey malcontents.

Please note that "Taking up the cudgels" just to put a short term sticking plaster over a festering wound cannot possibly start the vital UK remedial measures necessary.

**MAY I URGE YOU, ANNE AND YOUR PARTY TO GRASP THIS NETTLE AND ANNOUNCE A FUNDAMENTAL SEA-CHANGE IN BROADBAND POLICY (including the disassociation of public servants from the commercial monopoly) BEFORE ELECTION DAY.**

Were you to abandon the HS2 "white elephant" only serving a fraction of the UK, there would then be ample cash to complete a true FTTHome infrastructure for the whole UK PROVIDED it was NOT gifted to the BT Group who insist in deploying monopolistic shared

(GPON) e.g. in low performance asymmetric fibre in Fell End Cumbria at a cost of £80,000 for 8 of the 16 properties so far. I also trust you will ensure the Monopolies and Mergers Public Servants refuse BT's predatory tactics over the acquisition of EE.

I am copying this note to David Cooper for onward transmission to Jeremy Hunt and Geraldine Firth for Sir Paul Beresford.

Would all other recipients please fee free to broadcast this message in part or whole anywhere.

Walter.

PS

We have today had yet another demonstration of the total stranglehold BT have over Surrey CC and no doubt those within BDUK, Ofcom etc. etc

PCP (green cabinet) 5 in Shere has today, 21 April 2015, had its availability date of 22 April 2015 postponed for yet another month now to 20 May 2015.

I estimate that the original green cabinet has around 800 lines installed. BT were persuaded to deploy their largest Huawei 288 FTTCabinet BUT THE RUTHLESS AUTHORITARIAN ATTITUDE OF THE BT GROUP ACCOUNTANTS PROHIBITED COMMON SENCE ENGINEERING PRACTICE OF INSTALLING EVEN A SECOND DUCT, let alone the two other sets of tie cables required for connection of the maximum number of lines. This is in the context of serious financial questions being asked by the then PAC amongst others !

These tactics have resulted in this second Shere cabinet, and undoubtedly many more over the UK, being unavailable for 5 months, significant duplicated disruption to traffic throughout Shere village and beyond and the BT Group spending far more on remedial works when they are quite obviously severely over-stretched from a resource viewpoint. Yet Edward Vaizey was content to announce that he's delighted with BT's progress adding an additional (quite preposterous) 40,000 properties EVERY WEEK. This equates to over 400 new FTTCs being installed every week. Can the UK REALLY AFFORD, now and for years to come, these sorts of delays just for a substandard asymmetric "SuperFARCE" VDSL service only fully functional within 300 m of each cabinet ?

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On 21 Apr 2015, at 12:56, Anne Milton <[guildfordcasework@annemilton.com](mailto:guildfordcasework@annemilton.com)> wrote:

Dear Walter

Anne mentioned that she had seen you!

I know she will be happy to take up the cudgels again after the election – and she did continue right up to the dissolution of Parliament on behalf of the several pockets across the constituency. I know that Surrey and BT are supposed to be (currently) reviewing the areas which have been left out of both Surrey Superfast and the BT commercial roll out and we are waiting to hear their proposals for addressing these. But your point about making a proper job of it rather than doing it piecemeal is well made, not for the first time!

Best wishes

Sarah.

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Greetings from sunny Merrow !

I hope Anne has recovered from the ear bashing I gave her last Saturday.

Just to remind you both this is the article and comments I strongly recommend you read:-

<http://www.guildford-dragon.com/2015/03/23/campaigner-says-superfast-broadband-upgrade-in-rural-areas-is-causing-unnecessary-mayhem/>

This demonstrates that BT Accountants wouldn't allow BT to install the second duct in the trench during the initial intervention installation throughout Surrey including your Guildford Constituency.

It further demonstrates the quite preposterous and misleading statements being made by SCC and Ed Vaizey and that only a maximum of 96 services have been connected before a FIVE MONTH DELAY as BT don't have budget and labour to do the remedial works adequately. Finally it also demonstrates that only a small number of properties can achieve adequate short-term speeds using this technology which cannot be significantly improved due to the laws of physics.

The only satisfactory medium term solution is true symmetric point-to-point Fibre To The Home as B4RN are doing in rural Lancashire (where I was introduced to HRH Prince Charles).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uf6Jw2gxSJw>

<https://vimeo.com/123878545>