When Matthew Conway and Vicki Nash gave oral evidence on broadband infrastructure to the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee on 16 November, they offered to provide further information on two specific issues. This is set out below.

**Broadband take-up among 16-34-year-olds in Glasgow**

For Greater Glasgow, we only hold the data referred to in our 2011 Communications Market Report (e.g. page 29 showing overall broadband take-up at 50%). As the total survey sample was only 120 people, we cannot reliably break the data down further to look just at 16-34-year-olds. Nonetheless, we believe it likely Glasgow mirrors the position of Scotland as a whole, with low overall broadband take-up explained by particularly low take-up among those aged 16-34, those aged 55+ and DE/low-income groups.

**Infrastructure sharing**

We published a short statement on implementing the revised EU regulatory framework for electronic communications on 11 May.¹ What we said then on infrastructure sharing holds true now.

3.2 As a result of revisions to the Framework Directive, the government intends to revise the Communications Act to empower Ofcom to require infrastructure sharing, including in cases where there is an absence of significant market power. The intention is to increase infrastructure competition, promoting innovation and investment, which will ultimately lead to more choice and better prices for consumers.

3.3 While we have no firm proposals to develop specific guidelines on this form of infrastructure sharing, the circumstances in which we would exercise this power will have to meet a number of tests, such as being proportionate and non-discriminatory.

3.4 In most cases, we hope to perform a facilitating role between the owner of the infrastructure and the provider that is seeking access. It is preferable that both parties are able to reach a commercial agreement. In circumstances where no commercial agreement can be reached in relation to a specific request for access, we will consider carefully the case for exercising our revised infrastructure sharing powers in a way that does not constrain investment in network infrastructure.

3.5 At present, Ofcom has limited information on the potential demand for infrastructure access of the type that could be facilitated by these new sharing powers. If there is significant demand, in terms of the number of specific and concrete requests for access that fail to result in commercial agreements, we will consider the need to develop guidance on how we will exercise these powers.