I live in a remote area of Scotland.

The best Broadband speed I can get is 512Kb/s but this is only the maximum capability of the copper wire system.

In reality, due to the long distance between my house and the exchange, the best I actually get is less than 100Kb/s and the consistency of the service is very poor. Throughout the day and night, there are long periods of time when the service is down. It is simply unreliable and poor quality.

In addition to having to put up with these defects, the price of the Broadband is more expensive for a more inferior product. I pay £11.99 a month for this from a provider that charges only £6.49 a month for 8Mb/s service in a city. The same provider, just different locations. Having looked at many comparison websites and other providers, it is the same story. Because we live in a remote area, Broadband is more expensive and lower speed and quality from all providers.

In this modern age, when we are trying to boost the economy of this area, this is simply unacceptable.

I hope the committee will push Broadband providers to deliver an equivalent service for an equivalent price as our city counterparts.

If this needs to be subsidised by the Government, then this is an important area of spending that needs to be prioritised.

Until this happens, we will always be left behind.

Thank you for considering my comments.