

London Leaders Unite to Tackle Digital Connectivity Challenge

The West London Alliance and West London Business have joined forces with local authority and sub-regional partnership colleagues, London Councils, Central London Forward, Local London and South London Partnership to call for government support to address the capital's digital connectivity challenges. In a joint letter, to Sir Chris Bryant, Minister of State for Data Protection and Telecoms, London's leaders have united to call for help to address critical gaps in broadband and mobile infrastructure across the city.

Despite London's status as a global economic powerhouse, more than **418,000 premises** are unable to receive gigabit-capable services; that's 10% of London's businesses and home. A further **57,000** remain in "not spots" without access to even basic broadband. Our growth zones, business parks and data centres need access to fibre and business services. Mobile networks also need to compete with those in other global cities.

Inadequate digital connectivity is stalling commercial investment, widening the digital divide, and undermining the city's, and nation's, productivity and growth potential.

We are urging the government to extend to London the financial support other regions have benefited from to stimulate digital investment. Without decisive action, London's ability to contribute to national economic growth will be severely compromised.

A Call for Collaboration

The signatories have expressed their wish to work closely with the government to ensure London remains one of the best places in the world to live, work, and invest.

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