



National Developments – Response Form

Please use the table below to let us know about projects you think may be suitable for national development status. You can also tell us your views on the existing national developments in National Planning Framework 3, referencing their name and number, and providing reasons as to why they should maintain their status. Please use a separate table for each project or development. **Please fill in a [Respondent Information Form](#) and return it with this form to scotplan@gov.scot.**

Name of proposed national development	Outer Hebrides Gigabit Fibre Network, as part of existing National Development: National Digital Fibre Network
Brief description of proposed national development	A full Gigabit Fibre network for the Outer Hebrides
Location of proposed national development (information in a GIS format is welcome if available)	Outer Hebrides
What part or parts of the development requires planning permission or other consent?	Construction activity and other relevant communications licensing.
When would the development be complete or operational?	2025
Is the development already formally recognised – for example identified in a development plan, has planning permission, in receipt of funding etc.	Yes. This should be considered as part of the national rollout of Gigabit Full-Fibre
Contribution of proposed national development to the national development criteria (maximum 500 words):	
<p>Targeted investment to implement appropriate gigabit fibre connectivity to demonstrate the transformational business and social impact of these next generation digital connectivity technologies in remote island communities and allow the full benefit of the Islands Growth Deal innovation projects to be realised. These targeted investments will be designed in coordination with the Scottish Government's R100, wireless infill programmes and UK DCMS Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) programme, to ensure complementarity and added value, and will also support aspirations around the development of healthy ageing technologies and digital learning and remote collaboration.</p>	

The proposal plays a key role in:

- Support the delivery of the net zero carbon targets by reducing over-dependency on public transport and private vehicle usage
- Tackling population decline
- Enabling Sustainable Places
- Mitigating the disproportionate impact of pandemic and other regular catastrophic events on remote island communities

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