# BDUK Market Testing Pilot

# State Aid Consultation – changes to Satellite Internet Pilot area

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| **Details of proposed changes** | |
| **Title of proposed change** | Satellite Internet – alternative third deployment area |
| **Description of proposed change** | The ‘Broadband Delivery UK State aid consultation: Market Testing Pilot Intervention Areas (First wave)’ was published on the 29th September 2014 and can be viewed here: [Market Test Pilots First wave State aid consultation](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/359477/MTP_state_aid_consultation_document_v1-1.pdf)  Included in the consultation were plans for Satellite Internet (BeyondDSL) to install fixed wireless head ends with satellite backhaul at three locations in Somerset: Luxborough, Simonsbath and Priddy.  Fixed wireless head-ends with satellite backhaul have now been successfully deployed in Luxborough and Simonsbath. The original consultation anticipated install of a third head-end in Priddy, Somerset. This consultation is for the proposal to now site this third head-end in Broomfield, Somerset rather than Priddy. Postcodes for the revised deployment area are detailed below.  Please note, the aid provided to the new deployment area will be granted under the State Aid De Minimus regulation (see the EU regulation [here](http://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/legislation/de_minimis_regulation_en.pdf)). |
| **Reason for change** | The community engagement in Priddy has resulted in only two positive expressions of support and a considerable negative response.  Broomfield in contrast have pro-actively approached Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) and asked for provision of service in their community. Satellite Internet have therefore requested this change of location, and CDS support the delivery of a Satellite Internet service in this area.  Any further expressions of interest in Satellite Internet’s service in Priddy will continue to be served by an identically priced direct-to-home satellite service. |
| **Project timescales** | The head-end is due to be built in February 2016. |
| **Deployed services** | The pilot is delivering:   * Satellite backhaul and fixed wireless access to offer consumer services up to 30Mbps. * Satellite in-fill to offer consumer services up to 30Mbps |
| **Location of deployed services** | The Satellite Internet service has been piloted in two communities on Exmoor and is now looking to include a third community - Broomfield, in Somerset. All 3 of these communities contain premises that are classified as ‘Basic White’ and as yet are not scheduled to receive superfast broadband via the private sector or through the Phase 1 roll–out of superfast broadband by Connecting Devon and Somerset.    The qualifying postcodes for this third pilot area are proposed as follows:  TA5 1AT TA5 2EH  TA5 1 AU TA5 2EJ  TA5 1 AX TA5 2EL  TA5 1AY TA5 2EN  TA5 2 DZ TA5 2EQ  TA5 2EA  TA5 2EG |