

**PE1524/P**

Petitioner Letter of 21 January 2015

I am delighted that the Scottish Government has made a commitment to increase the provision of provide free Wi-Fi in public buildings, and introduce national standards and guidelines to ensure no communities are technologically left behind. I would like to reiterate the 'ideals' of public wireless connections which I identified earlier and hope the Government and Scottish Futures Trust will take these into account in implementing the programme:

- available to the public throughout the opening hours of the building
- provide a decent speed and keep up with technological developments and increasing demand
- available straight away without users having to register or login, or use a single sign in for all public buildings across Scotland.
- secure to ensure traffic cannot be intercepted
- not unreasonably filtered/censored (e.g. blocking *Hamlet* for "violent content", sexual health sites, etc.)
- user activity should not be visible to the public authority (e.g. contents of emails, which websites were visited, etc.)

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