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Dear Marie,

I am writing to you following my visit to the Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI) Consortium on 16 September 2019. I would like to reassure the Consortium, the Council and residents of Newry, Mourne and Down, of the safety of 5G technologies.

A considerable amount of research has been carried out on radio waves and there is currently no credible evidence that 5G is harmful to human health.

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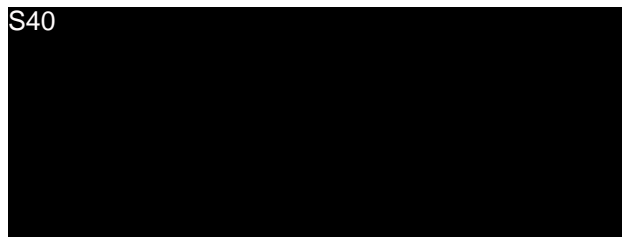
Much of the information circulating about health risks from 5G is factually incorrect. I would encourage the Council to ensure that they and their residents are aware of the extensive guidance that Public Health England and its devolved equivalents have made available on this subject.

I understand that the FFNI consortium is considering applying to the Rural Connected Communities competition for funding for a 5G project and we would encourage an application to explore the capabilities of 5G to benefit rural communities. The closing date is Monday 25 October 2019.

DCMS is happy to provide more information, should the Council require it.

Yours sincerely,

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