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Dear M Davidson,

Thank you for your email of 13 November in which you made the following request for information:

***Please supply a lists of the number of premises, by postcode where the postcode has received BDUK funding where...***

***Premises receive superfast or above speeds  
Premises do not receive superfast speeds***

***Please confirm the superfast speed applicable (24 or 30Mbps) for each post code.***

I have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). We regret that we are unable to respond to your request because it exceeds the cost limit set out by the Act. Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We consider your request would be over the statutory limit because in order to retrieve all the information we might hold within scope of your request, we would need to search through a very large quantity of information. Given how BDUK funding is mixed in with local body funding, it is not possible for us to extract which premises directly received funding from BDUK only. Therefore, we can see no way in which your request can be refined to allow us to answer it within the cost limit.

I should also point out that BDUK funding goes towards ensuring superfast speeds are available at a premises, but does not necessarily ensure they are receiving superfast speeds.

You may like to know that there is publicly available data on BDUK and Local Body funding used in each region of the UK at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/building-digital-uk>.

For additional information, the Thinkbroadband website contains information on the speeds available at individual postcode level, as well as those speeds available per constituency, Region, County and other levels. This can be accessed here: <https://labs.thinkbroadband.com/local/broadband-map#6/51.414/-0.641/>. To note, this will not show where BDUK provided funding.



If you would like further information regarding the cost limit and how it is applied please refer to the Legislation.gov.uk website using the link below:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2004/3244/contents/made>.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team

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### **Complaints and comments**

As is customary in our replies, I should explain that if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request for information, and/or wish to appeal against information being withheld from you, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this response to: [foi@culture.gov.uk](mailto:foi@culture.gov.uk). You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation.