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1. Introduction And Background

In March 2021, the UK Government announced an ambition to deliver nationwide gigabit-capable broadband as soon as possible, recognising that there is a need for government intervention in the parts of the country that are not commercially viable. They have committed a total of £5bn to ensure that all areas of the UK can benefit. This will be spent through a package of coordinated and mutually supportive interventions, collectively known as Project Gigabit¹, with an initial intervention of £1.2bn targeting at least 85% gigabit coverage of the UK by 2025.

The Scottish Government issued a Public Review (**PR**)² to determine the eligible intervention area for investment of public funds into gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure on 23rd March 2023. The period of consultation closed on 24th April 2023, with the Public Review formally closing on 23rd June 2023.

The outcome of this PR and subsequent revisions is being used to inform eligibility for current and possible future procurements via Project Gigabit and to support the development of other potential public interventions in Scotland. It may also be used to determine eligibility for the current UK-wide GigaHubs and Gigabit Voucher programmes.

2. Purpose Of This Public Review Report

Under the UK Government's Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Scheme³ guidelines, public sector intervention in broadband infrastructure investment is limited to those areas where there is no current or planned (within the next 3 years) commercial deployments, to avoid distorting what might otherwise be/become a competitive market.

The Scottish Government carried out an Open Market Review (**OMR**)⁴ of all current and planned infrastructure within the scope area between 21st February 2022 and 21st March 2022. The submitted data allowed us to produce a draft intervention area for the Public Review.

The Public Review completed in 2023 and the original version of this report set out the responses to the consultation and the actions that the Scottish

¹ [UK Government Project Gigabit Guidance](#)

² [Broadband Infrastructure in Scotland: Public Review](#)

³ [Project Gigabit: UK Government Subsidy Advice](#)

⁴ [Superfast and Gigabit Broadband Infrastructure - Open Market Review](#)

Government took as a direct result of those responses and subsequent data changes from suppliers.

This report was originally published on 3rd November 2023⁵ following the outcome of our Public Review. Further data submissions from infrastructure suppliers have been received and assessed as part of our regular rolling OMR update process, where suppliers provide coverage updates to the Scottish Government three times per year. As well as suppliers' plans, the Scottish Government also accounts for updates from existing intervention programmes, including the R100 Programme and UK Government programmes. Submissions received by 19th January 2024 were taken account of ahead of the first planned interventions earlier this year, with the updated outcome published in a revised version of this report on 22nd March 2024⁶. A further revision was published on 29th May 2024⁷ that provided an update on procurements. This version of the report includes an update on eligible premises in Scotland following the most recent OMR exercise up to 17th June 2024. It also includes a further update to [Section 5: Next Steps](#), with detail of the next planned procurements in [Appendix E](#).

3. Public Review Response

A total of 17 formal responses were submitted during the consultation period. None of the responses asked to be treated in confidence. The table in Appendix A summarises the responses and the actions that the Scottish Government has taken as a result.

The table was previously extended to include the 12 further responses received from infrastructure suppliers as part of our rolling OMR process up to 19th January 2024 and has been further extended to include the 11 responses to our recent OMR up to 17th June 2024.

4. Revised Intervention Area

As a result of the Public Review and including supplier data changes during the assessment phase and rolling OMR process, the Scottish Government has revised the Gigabit broadband map for Scotland. In line with the Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Scheme guidelines, the Scottish Government has classified premises as White, Grey, Under Review or Black. We will only subsidise build to premises which have been designated as White.

- **White** - indicates premises with no gigabit network infrastructure and none is likely to be developed within 3 years

⁵ [Gigabit in Scotland - Public Review Report](#)

⁶ [Gigabit in Scotland - Public Review Report \(Revised\)](#)

⁷ [Gigabit in Scotland - Public Review Report \(Revision 2\)](#)

- **Black** - indicates premises with two or more qualifying gigabit infrastructures from different suppliers being available, or will be deployed within the coming 3 years
- **Grey** - indicates premises with a single qualifying gigabit infrastructure from a single supplier is available, or is to be deployed within the coming 3 years
- **Under Review** - indicates premises where suppliers have reported current or planned commercial broadband coverage, but where claimed current gigabit coverage has not been verified, or, in respect of planned build, where evaluators are confident that gigabit infrastructure will be delivered, but some risks to delivery remain, or there are some gaps in evidence.

For presentational purposes, postcodes have been used when mapping the proposed eligible areas for this Public Review (note we will only subsidise build to premises which have been designated as White - postcodes are not used to determine intervention areas for subsidy).

For the purpose of mapping only, postcodes have been classified as follows:

1. A postcode is **White** if any 'White' premises are present; else
2. A postcode is **Under Review** if any 'Under Review' premises are present; else
3. A postcode is **Black** if all premises in the postcode are classified 'Black'; else
4. A postcode is **Grey** if all premises are 'Grey' or there is a mixture of 'Grey' and 'Black' premises

The current Gigabit coverage map for Scotland can be found in Appendix B. An associated file is available for download alongside this document listing all postcodes with their Subsidy Control classification and premise breakdown. A further 32 associated files provide the Subsidy Control classification at premise level, one for every local authority area. This premise level information is provided for the first time in line with Gigabit Infrastructure transparency requirements⁸.

Premises that are classified as Under Review will be subject to continued monitoring and verification of supplier plans within the proposed delivery period by the Scottish Government and in the event that these commercial plans fall away, these premises will be reclassified as White and form part of the proposed intervention area and therefore eligible for intervention via this aid measure. Monitoring forms part of the rolling OMR process.

The mapping analysis of existing and evidenced planned coverage (within the next 3 years) has identified significant remaining 'White' areas. The outcome

⁸ [Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy guidance: transparency \(monitoring and reporting\)](#)

of the Public Review is summarised in terms of White, Grey, Black and Under Review premises below and in reference to postcode mapping as described above:

Postcode Classification (All Scotland)	Number of Postcodes	Number of Gigabit Black Premises	Number of Gigabit Grey Premises	Number of Gigabit Under Review Premises	Number of Gigabit White Premises
Black	32,046	630,886			
Grey	53,719	267,013	777,227		
Under Review	28,568	69,087	212,188	306,515	
White	39,227	42,913	187,045	106,921	380,073
Total	153,560	1,009,899	1,176,460	413,436	380,073

Note that this outcome reflects the whole of Scotland. The PR⁹ document intimated that Highlands and Islands Enterprise (**HIE**) was carrying out a Project Gigabit procurement on behalf of the Inverness and Highland City Region Deal. HIE has since confirmed that it will not proceed with the procurement, therefore in line with the PR document, we have assessed all premises in Scotland.

In line with the Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Scheme, if commercial plans change and are notified to the Scottish Government, then affected premises can be reclassified accordingly.

For any potential procurements, the Scottish Government will make coverage information available at a premises level within the identified White postcode areas to bidders to ensure that bids can target those premises without Gigabit broadband coverage efficiently.

5. Next Steps

The Scottish Government has used this information to define the eligible Intervention Area for potential future procurements under the Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Scheme¹⁰ and is in the process of finalising the design of procurement areas as a subset of the intervention area. These have been discussed with the market via a Pre-Procurement Market Engagement exercise. In line with the scheme, potential procurements are likely to include both “Local Contracts” using the existing Dynamic Purchasing System and “Regional Procurements” using the restricted procurement procedure.

A map showing the potential local (Type A) and regional (Type B) procurements can be found in Appendix C. The first procurement (Lot 1)

⁹ [Broadband Infrastructure in Scotland: Public Review](#)

¹⁰ [Detailed Overview of the Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Scheme](#)

launched in May this year and included 11,394 properties throughout the Scottish Borders and parts of East Lothian, Midlothian and South Lanarkshire. Further detail of the Lot 1 procurement can be found in Appendix D. This was followed later in May by a regional Lot 5 procurement which included an initial 48,914 properties in the North East. A further 19,518 properties are included as deferred scope and will be considered for inclusion in the latter stages of contract delivery should they not be connected by other means. Further detail is provided in Appendix E.

Three further regional procurements are at an advanced stage, with procurement launch expected later this year. These are Lot 2 covering Dumfries and Galloway South (detail in Appendix F), Lot 4 covering Fife and parts of Stirling and Perth and Kinross (details in Appendix G) and Lot 6 covering the Orkney and Shetland Islands (details in Appendix H).

A summary of the procurements is shown below:

Lot	Name	Type	Initial Scope	Deferred Scope	Indicative Subsidy
1	Borders and East Lothian	A	11,394	n/a	£26,296,482
2	Dumfries and Galloway South	B	20,281	1,714	£33,812,696
4	Fife, Perth and Kinross	B	23,088	5,577	£43,145,991
5	Dundee, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray	B	48,914	19,518	£105,716,142
6	Orkney and Shetland Islands	B	10,682	2,955	£41,000,000

The process required for the provision of gigabit broadband infrastructure under the scheme across all of Scotland is expected to take around 5 years with the first contracts awarded in the second half of 2024.

The UK Government plans further interventions beyond those described above as part of Project Gigabit.

6. Further Information

For further information on the project, please write to:

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Digital Directorate
The Scottish Government
5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw
Glasgow G2 8LU

Or by email: gigabit@gov.scot

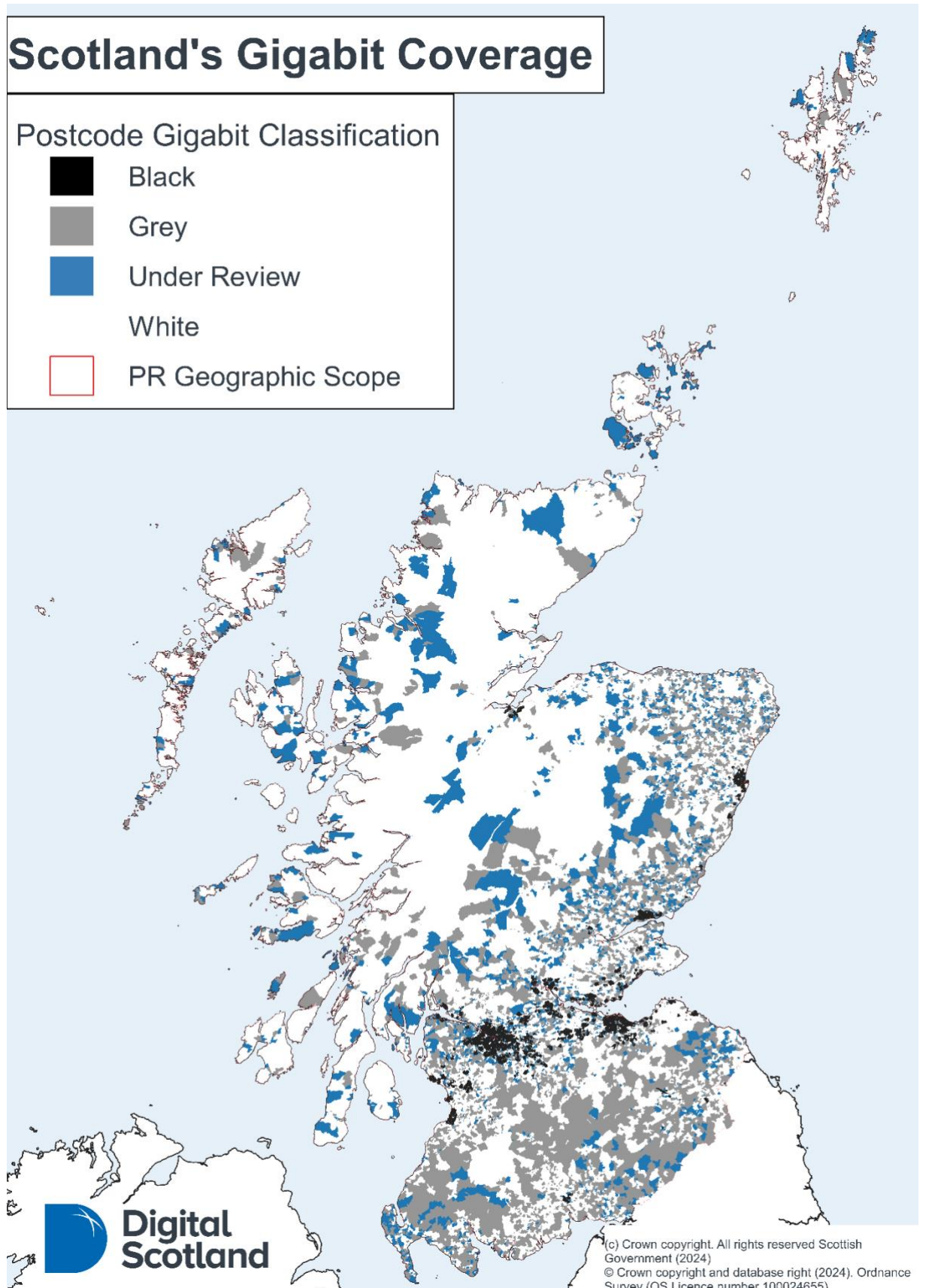
Appendix A – Public Consultation Response

Response	Responder	Comment	Resultant Action
1	Peter Yule, member of public	Lack of available fibre in Gorebridge, Midlothian	Advice provided – no change to intervention area
2	Richard Kirk, member of public	Lack of available fibre in Redhill, Moray	Advice provided – no change to intervention area
3	Axione	Updated coverage response	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
4	Aberdeenshire Council	Report on availability across Aberdeen City and Shire. Request to prioritise North East.	Report noted – no change to intervention area
5	Openreach	Updated coverage response	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
6	Netomnia	Updated coverage response	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
7	GoFibre	Updated coverage response	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
8	Lothian Broadband	Updated coverage response	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
9	Glide	Updated coverage response	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
10	Broadway Partners	Updated coverage response	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
11	Hyperoptic	Updated coverage response	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
12	City Fibre	Updated coverage response	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
13	Cromarty Firth Wireless Networks Ltd	Updated coverage response	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
14	Gigaloch	First time coverage response	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
15	VMO2	Updated coverage response	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly

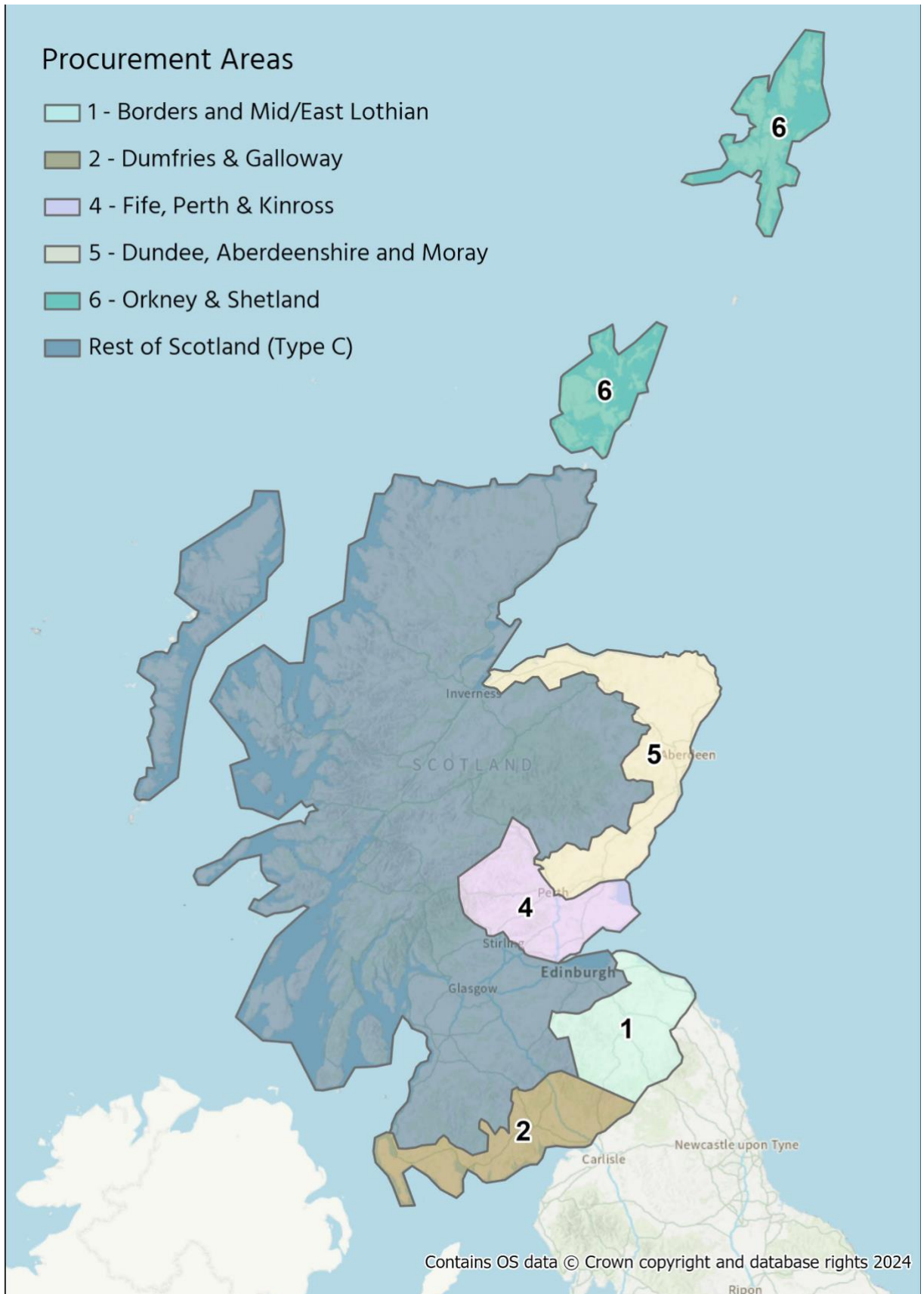
16	Nexfibre	First time coverage response	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
17	Balquhidder	Updated coverage response	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
18	Axione	Post PR Coverage Update	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
19	Cityfibre	Post PR Coverage Update	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
20	Cloudnet	Post PR Coverage Update	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
21	Gigaloch	Post PR Coverage Update	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
22	Gofibre	Post PR Coverage Update	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
23	Hyperoptic	Post PR Coverage Update	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
24	Lothian Broadband Networks (LBN)	Post PR Coverage Update	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
25	Netomnia	Post PR Coverage Update	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
26	Nexfibre	Post PR Coverage Update	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
27	Open Fibre Networks (OFNL)	Post PR Coverage Update	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
28	Openreach	Post PR Coverage Update	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
29	Virgin Media O2	Post PR Coverage Update	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
30	Badenoch Broadband	OMR Update June 2024	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
31	Cityfibre	OMR Update June 2024	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly

32	Gigaloch	OMR Update June 2024	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
33	Glide	OMR Update June 2024	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
34	Gofibre	OMR Update June 2024	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
35	Hyperoptic	OMR Update June 2024	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
36	LBN	OMR Update June 2024	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
37	Netomnia	OMR Update June 2024	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
38	Nexfibre	OMR Update June 2024	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
39	Openreach	OMR Update June 2024	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly
40	Voneus	OMR Update June 2024	Response assessed and intervention area amended accordingly

Appendix B - Gigabit Broadband Map

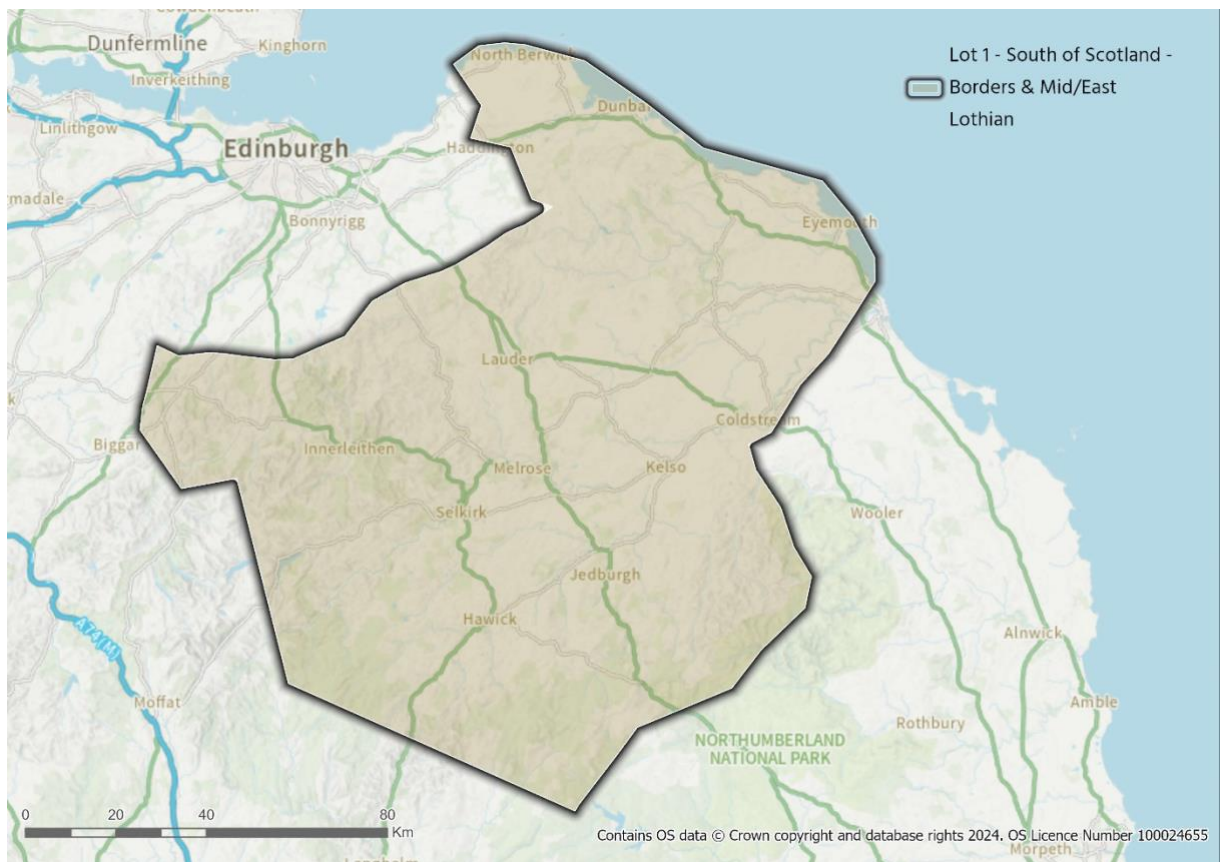


Appendix C – Potential Gigabit Procurements Areas



Appendix D – Lot 1 Procurement Details

The first procurement (Lot 1) launched in May this year and includes **11,394** properties throughout the Scottish Borders and parts of East Lothian, Midlothian and South Lanarkshire. The Lot 1 boundary plan shown below has been defined as being bounded by the Scottish national border in the South and the North Sea coast in the East/ North East. The Lot broadly follows the boundary with the Local Authority areas of Dumfries & Galloway and South Lanarkshire in the West with the exception of the moorlands between Broughton and Moffat where no premises exist. This creates a natural barrier in the west of the lot. The North of the Lot area is bounded by the natural barrier of the Pentland Hills and crosses through East Lothian to the coast dividing the Edinburgh commuter belt area (where commercial activity exists or is planned) with the more rural part of the Local Authority area.

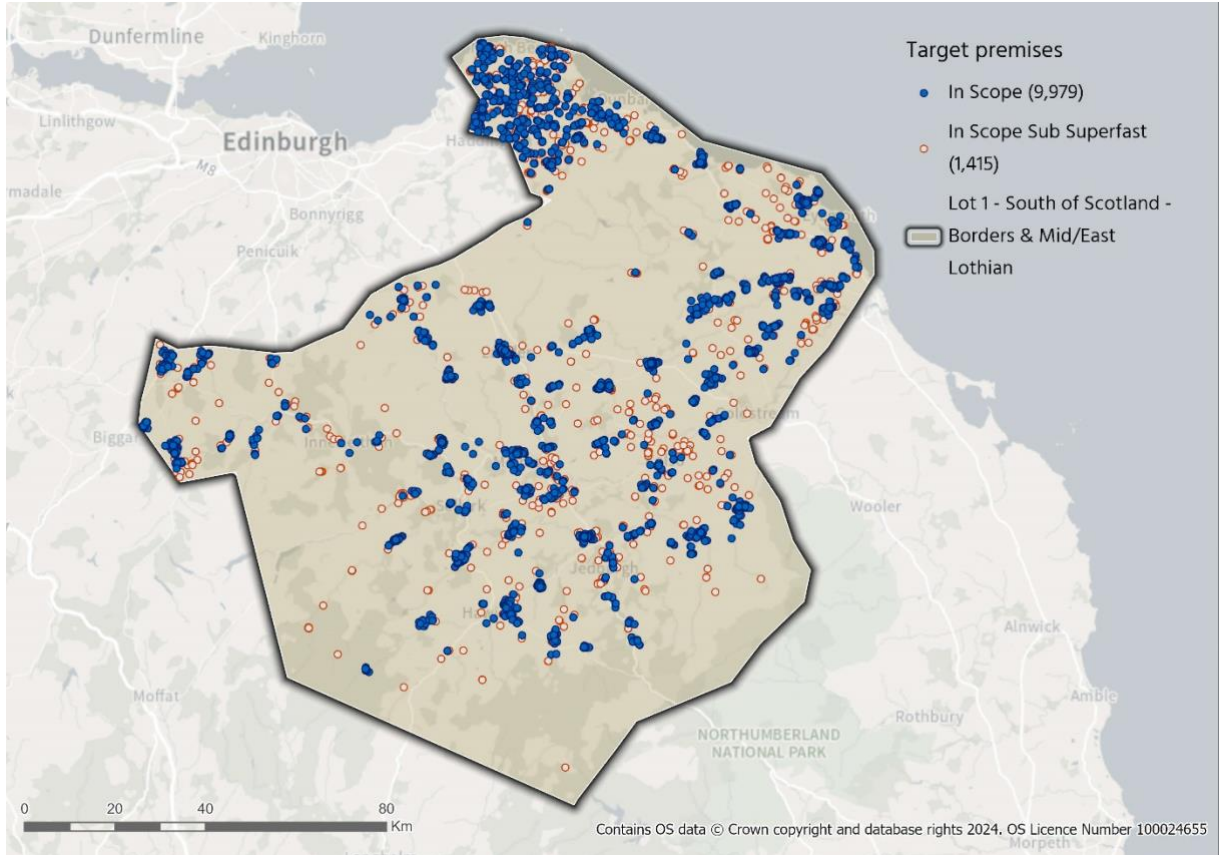


Map showing Lot 1 – Scottish Borders and East Lothian

The Scottish Government has carried out market engagement to seek feedback from suppliers on the Scotland-wide intervention area and individual Lot design, including procurement type and market capacity to bid for potential procurements.

The total public funding investment has been based on the number of premises requiring subsidy. The Scottish Government confirmed a budget drawn from public funding for this area within the tender documentation. Details of any restrictions on the use of public subsidy are explained within the tender documentation.

Lot 1 is a Type A (local) procurement with **11,394** in-scope premises for a subsidy amount of **£26,296,482**. The in-scope premises for the procurement are shown below, with the sub-superfast (< 30 Mbps) premises shown in a different colour for transparency. Full details of eligible premises are included within the tender documentation and are available to suppliers on request.



Map showing Lot 1 – in-scope and sub-superfast in-scope premises

This procurement was designed utilising data from the PR conducted in Scotland referred to in this document and supplemented with information derived from the October 2023 rolling Open Market Review undertaken by the Scottish Government and subsequent supplier and programme updates received up to the 19th January 2024. Premises identified as no longer valid in our baseline Ordnance Survey data were also removed. This ensures that we have used the most up to date information about suppliers' existing and planned commercial build with supplier submissions being used to inform eligibility across Project Gigabit in Scotland procurements.

The Scottish Government is confident that integrating these rolling OMR findings will ensure the best possible outcome for this procurement area, maximising both coverage and value for money accordingly. Our interventions will always flex to respond to both changes in the dynamic marketplace, and the appetite for our procurements.

The procurement for Lot 1 is being carried out in accordance with the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015¹¹. Scottish Government procurement approaches are designed to address the scale of the individual procurements. The Lot 1 procurement is being conducted in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner. The Scottish Government reserves the right to amend or withdraw the procedure for the competitive sourcing process at any time. Any amendments will be done in line with the Procurement Regulations. Suppliers acknowledge and accept that by issuing this document, the Scottish Government shall not be bound to progress or conclude any related procurement activity.

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Timescales

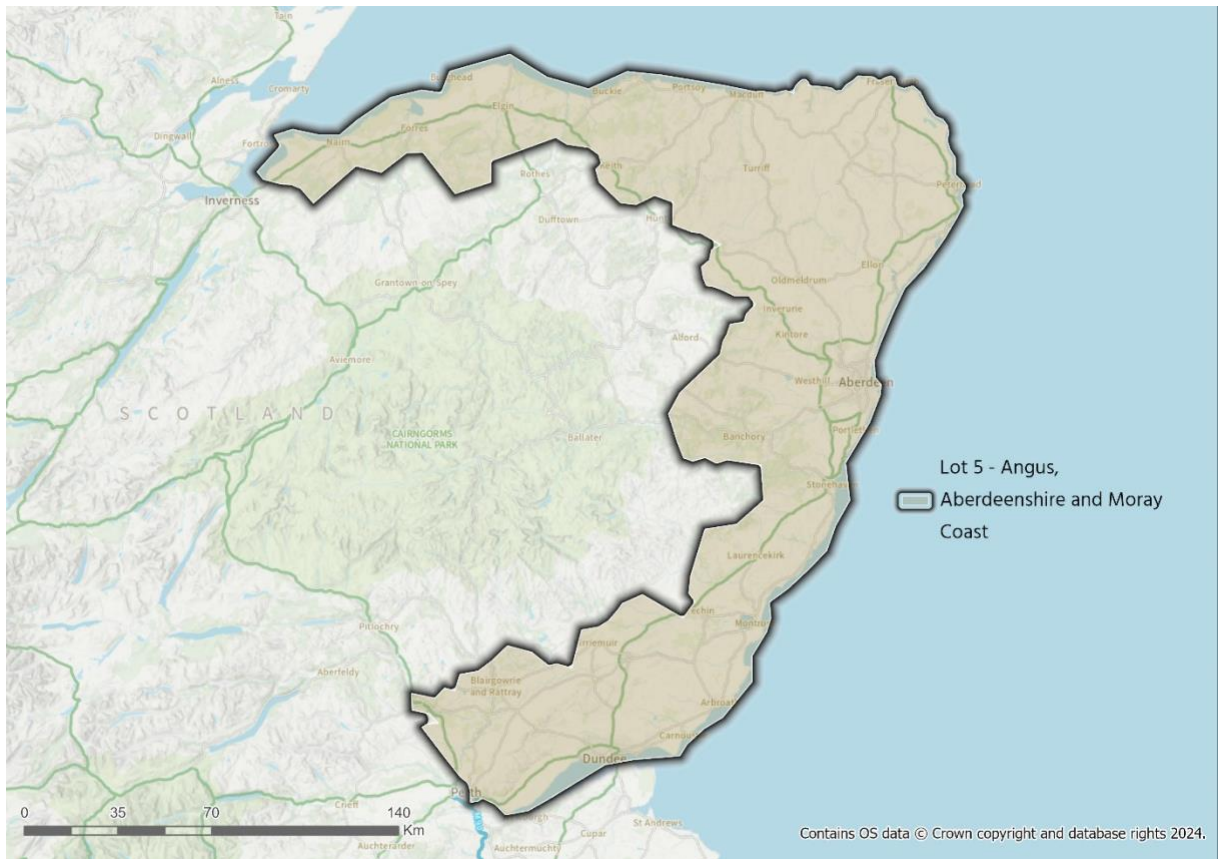
The following table summarises the indicative timescales for the Lot 1 procurement:

Activity	Date
Procurement start date	May 2024
Estimated contract award date	December 2024

¹¹ [The Public Contracts \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015](#)

Appendix E – Lot 5 Procurement Details

Lot 5 procurement launched in May this year and initially includes **48,914** properties. Lot 5 encompasses parts of Perth and Kinross, Dundee, Angus, Aberdeenshire, Moray and Highland. It is bounded by the river Tay in the South, the North Sea in the East and the Moray Firth in the North. In the Southwest the lot is largely bounded by the A9, the eastern limits of the city of Perth and the town of Dunkeld. The western boundary is largely bounded by the river Tay and southern and eastern edges of the Grampian mountains and Cairngorms national park. In Highland, the lot extends to include Ardersier and Inverness airport and is bounded to the south by the forest areas of the Spey and lower Grampian mountains.

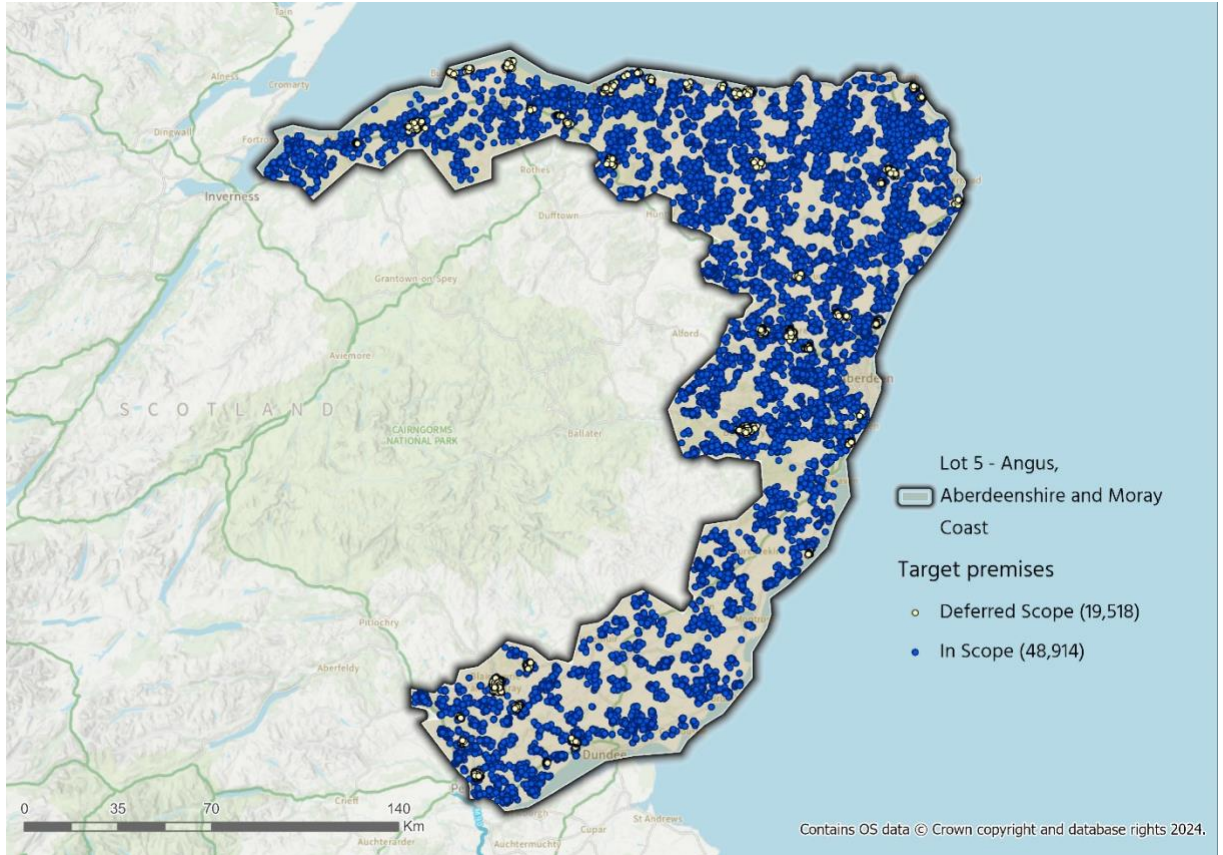


Map showing Lot 5 – Perth and Kinross, Angus, Aberdeenshire and Moray Coast

The Scottish Government has carried out market engagement to seek feedback from suppliers on the Scotland-wide intervention area and individual Lot design, including procurement type and market capacity to bid for potential procurements.

The total public funding investment has been based on the number of premises requiring subsidy. The Scottish Government confirmed a budget drawn from public funding for this area within the tender documentation. Details of any restrictions on the use of public subsidy are explained within the tender documentation.

Lot 5 will be a Type B (regional) procurement with an initial **48,914** in-scope premises and **19,518** deferred scope premises for an anticipated subsidy amount of **£105,716,142**. The in-scope and deferred scope premises for the procurement are shown below. Full details of eligible premises are included within the tender documentation and are available to suppliers on request.



Map showing Lot 5 – in-scope and deferred scope premises

This procurement was designed utilising data from the PR conducted in Scotland referred to in this document and supplemented with information derived from the October 2023 rolling Open Market Review undertaken by the Scottish Government and subsequent supplier and programme updates received up to the 19th January 2024. Premises identified as no longer valid in our baseline Ordnance Survey data have also been removed. This ensures that we have used the most up to date information about suppliers' existing and planned commercial build with supplier submissions being used to inform eligibility across Project Gigabit in Scotland procurements.

The Scottish Government is confident that integrating these rolling OMR findings will ensure the best possible outcome for this procurement area, maximising both coverage and value for money accordingly. Our interventions will always flex to respond to both changes in the dynamic marketplace, and the appetite for our procurements.

The procurement for Lot 5 is being carried out in accordance with the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015¹². Scottish Government procurement approaches are designed to address the scale of the individual procurements. The Lot 5 procurement will be conducted in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner. The Scottish Government reserves the right to amend or withdraw the procedure for the competitive sourcing process at any time. Any amendments will be done in line with the Procurement Regulations. Suppliers acknowledge and accept that by issuing this document, the Scottish Government shall not be bound to progress or conclude any related procurement activity.

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Timescales

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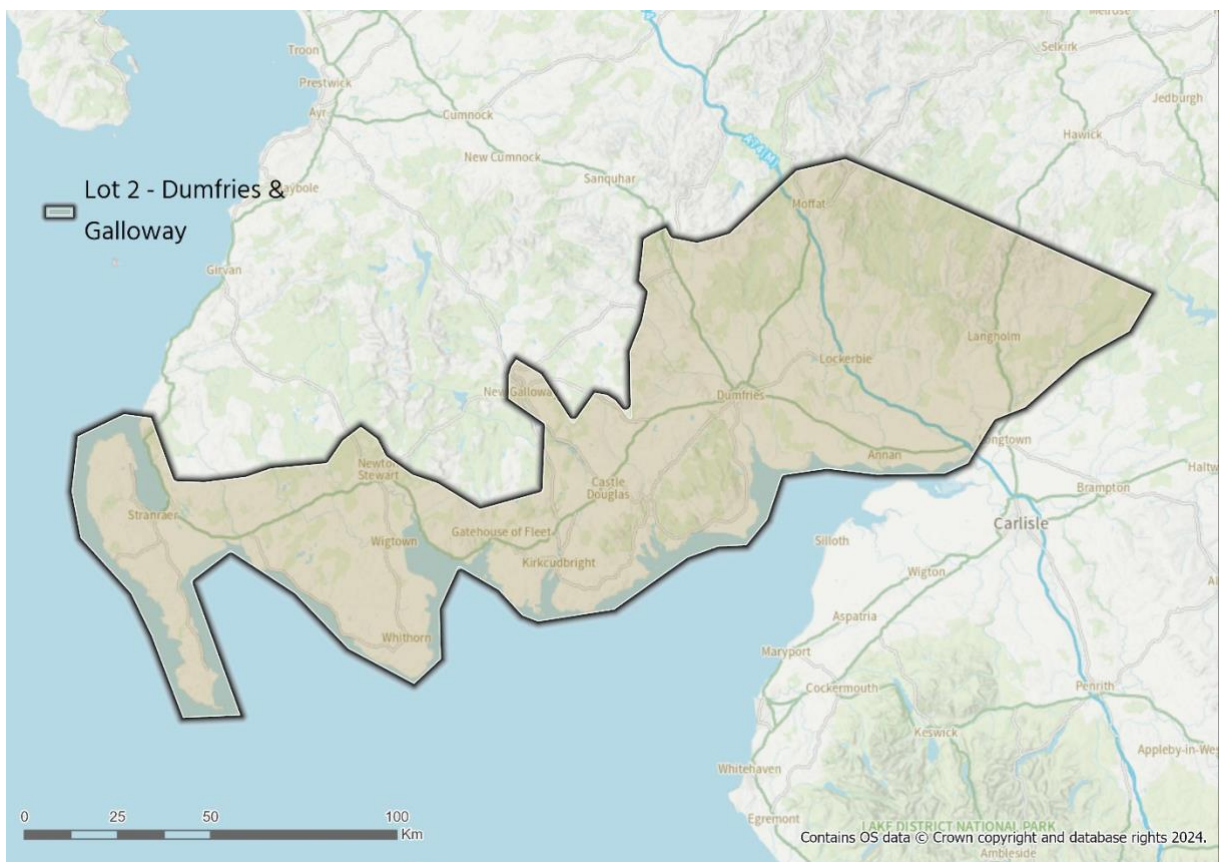
Activity	Date
Procurement start date	May 2024
Estimated contract award date	May 2025

¹² [The Public Contracts \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015](#)

Appendix F – Lot 2 Procurement Details

Lot 2 is scheduled to launch later this year and initially includes **20,281** properties. Lot 2 encompasses the Southern area of Dumfries and Galloway. It is bounded in the south by the Solway Firth and National border, in the east, the uninhabited hills and forests of the southern uplands and the boundary with Lot 1; In the north and north-west by the Lowther Hills and in the west and south by the Irish Sea and by the Galloway Forrest Park in the North (including the uplands between Cairnryan and New Galloway).

The Lot includes the settlements of Gretna Green, Ecclefechan, Lochmaben, Moffat Thornhill, Kippford, Rockcliffe, Drummore, Portpatrick, Cairnryan, Kirkcowan, Newton Stewart, Whithorn, Wigtown, House of Fleet, Twyholm, Kirkcubright, Cross Michael, New Galloway and Springholm and Langholm.

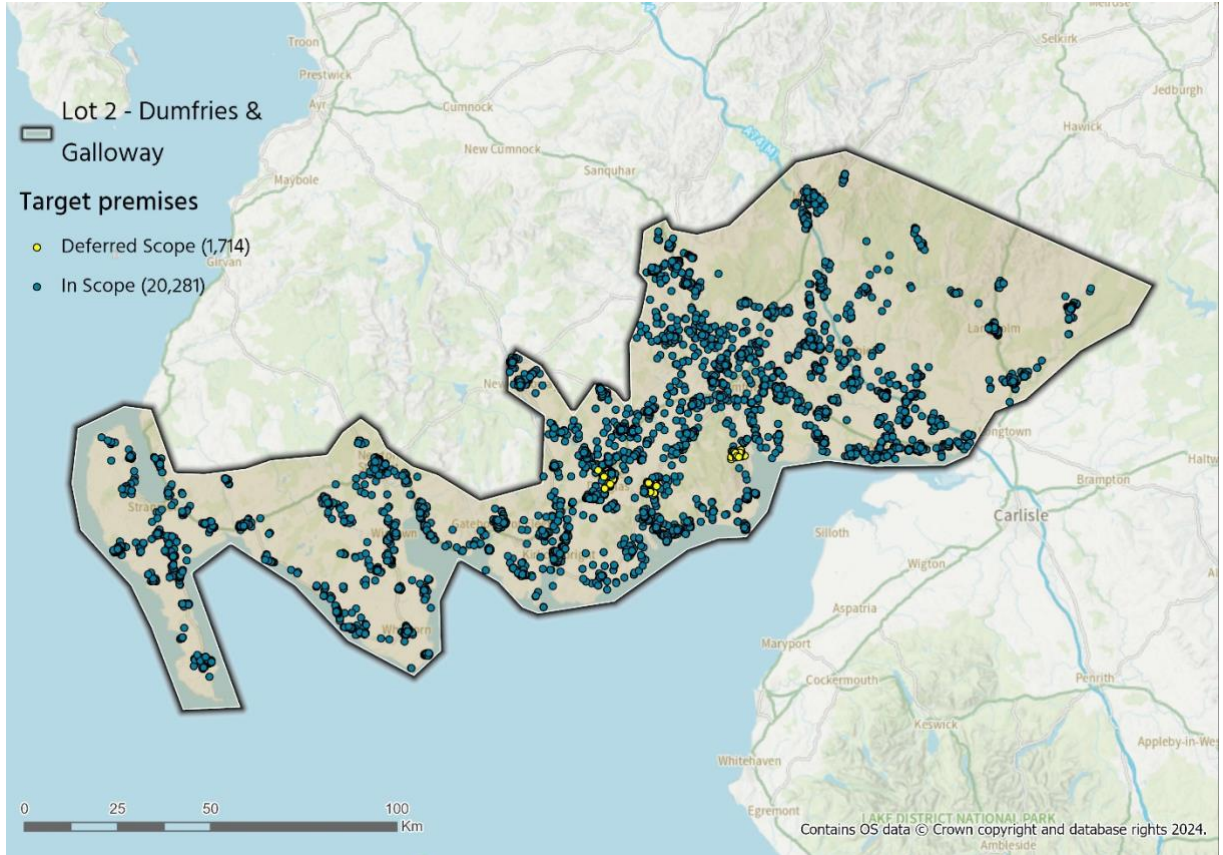


Map showing Lot 2 – Dumfries and Galloway South

The Scottish Government has carried out market engagement to seek feedback from suppliers on the Scotland-wide intervention area and individual Lot design, including procurement type and market capacity to bid for potential procurements.

The total public funding investment has been based on the number of premises requiring subsidy. The Scottish Government will confirm a budget drawn from public funding for this area within the forthcoming tender documentation. Details of any restrictions on the use of public subsidy will be explained within the tender documentation.

Lot 2 will be a Type B (regional) procurement with an initial **20,281** in-scope premises and **1,714** deferred scope premises for an anticipated subsidy amount of **£33,812,696**. The in-scope and deferred scope premises for the procurement are shown below. Full details of eligible premises will be included within the tender documentation and are available to suppliers on request.



Map showing Lot 2 in-scope and deferred scope premises

This procurement was designed utilising data from the PR conducted in Scotland referred to in this document and supplemented with information derived from the October 2023 rolling Open Market Review undertaken by the Scottish Government and subsequent supplier and programme updates received up to the 17th June 2024. Premises identified as no longer valid in our baseline Ordnance Survey data have also been removed. This ensures that we have used the most up to date information about suppliers' existing and planned commercial build with supplier submissions being used to inform eligibility across Project Gigabit in Scotland procurements.

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The forthcoming procurement for Lot 2 will be carried out in accordance with the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015¹³. Scottish Government procurement approaches are designed to address the scale of the individual procurements. The Lot 2 procurement will be conducted in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner. The Scottish Government reserves the right to amend or withdraw the procedure for the competitive sourcing process at any time. Any amendments will be done in line with the Procurement Regulations. Suppliers acknowledge and accept that by issuing this document, the Scottish Government shall not be bound to progress or conclude any related procurement activity.

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Timescales

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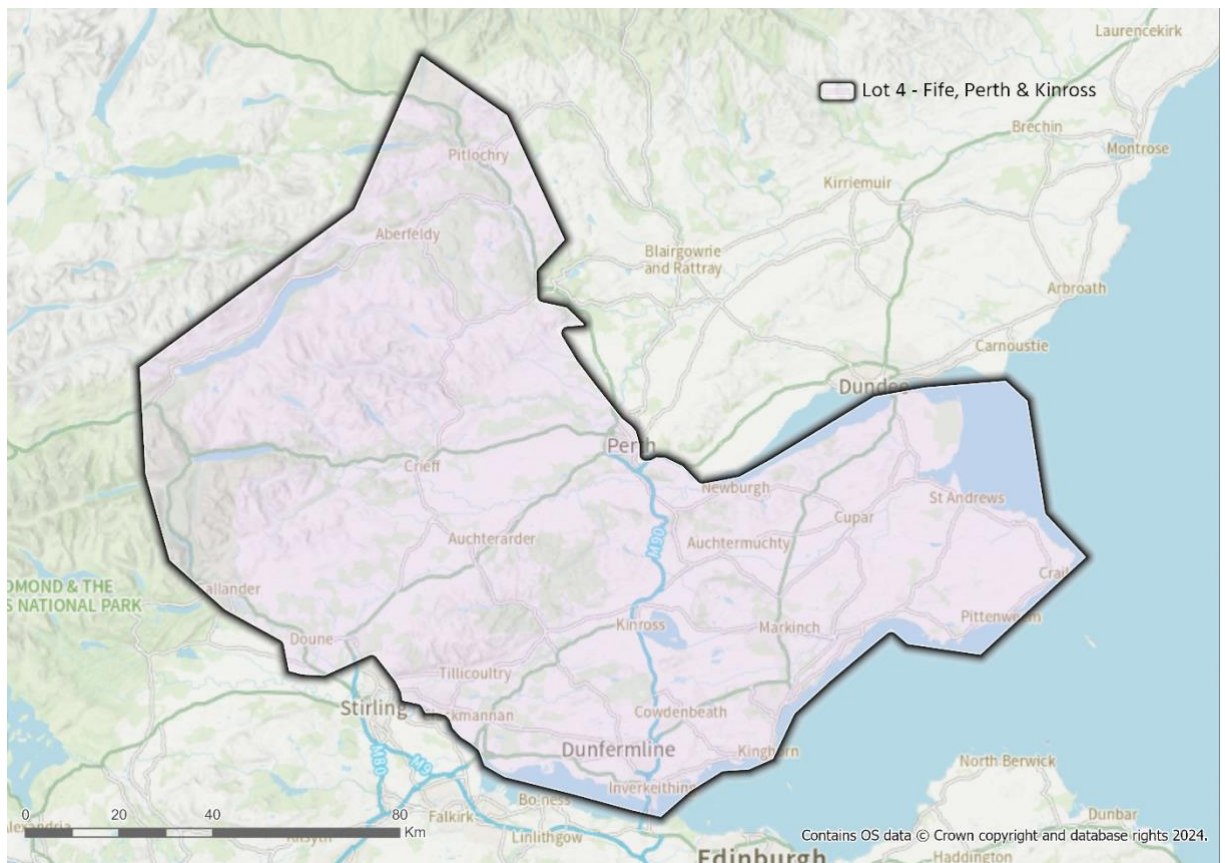
Activity	Date
Procurement start date	November 2024
Estimated contract award date	August 2025

¹³ [The Public Contracts \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015](#)

Appendix G – Lot 4 Procurement Details

Lot 4 is scheduled to launch later this year and initially includes **23,088** properties. Lot 4 includes Fife with parts of Stirling and Perth and Kinross. The Lot is bounded by the Firth of Forth in the south, the Firth of Tay and river Tay in the north east and the North Sea in the east. The Lot bounds with Lot 5 in the North East and includes the A9 corridor as far north as Blair Atholl. To the west, the lot includes the Loch Tay and Loch Earn areas and the A84 corridor to the west as far as Killin.

The lot includes the settlements of Charlestown, Limekilns, North Queensferry, Star, Elie, Crail, Kingsbarns, Leuchars, Balmullo, Gouldry, Ceres, Auchtermuchty, Newburgh, Bridge or Earn, Strathmiglo, Glenfarg, Dunning, Pitlochry, Blair Atholl, Aberfeldy, Lochearnhead, Strathyre, Callander, Doune, Comrie, Crieff and the Crook of Devon.



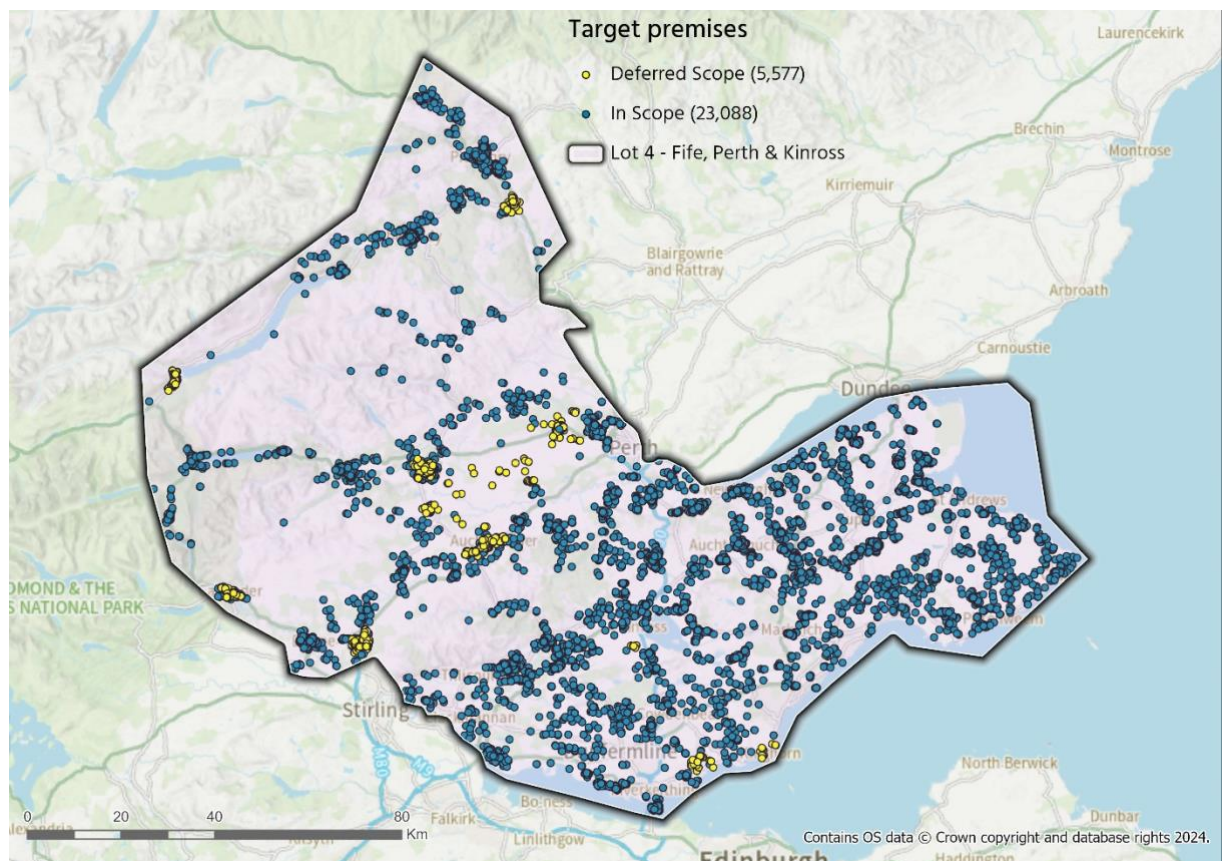
Map showing Lot 4 – Fife, Perth and Kinross

The Scottish Government has carried out market engagement to seek feedback from suppliers on the Scotland-wide intervention area and individual Lot design, including procurement type and market capacity to bid for potential procurements.

The total public funding investment has been based on the number of premises requiring subsidy. The Scottish Government will confirm a budget drawn from public funding for this area within the forthcoming tender

documentation. Details of any restrictions on the use of public subsidy will be explained within the tender documentation.

Lot 4 will be a Type B (regional) procurement with an initial **23,088** in-scope premises and **5,577** deferred scope premises for an anticipated subsidy amount of **£43,145,991**. The in-scope and deferred scope premises for the procurement are shown below. Full details of eligible premises will be included within the tender documentation and are available to suppliers on request.



Map showing Lot 4 in-scope and deferred scope premises

This procurement was designed utilising data from the PR conducted in Scotland referred to in this document and supplemented with information derived from the October 2023 rolling Open Market Review undertaken by the Scottish Government and subsequent supplier and programme updates received up to the 17th June 2024. Premises identified as no longer valid in our baseline Ordnance Survey data have also been removed. This ensures that we have used the most up to date information about suppliers' existing and planned commercial build with supplier submissions being used to inform eligibility across Project Gigabit in Scotland procurements.

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The forthcoming procurement for Lot 4 will be carried out in accordance with the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015¹⁴. Scottish Government procurement approaches are designed to address the scale of the individual procurements. The Lot 4 procurement will be conducted in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner. The Scottish Government reserves the right to amend or withdraw the procedure for the competitive sourcing process at any time. Any amendments will be done in line with the Procurement Regulations. Suppliers acknowledge and accept that by issuing this document, the Scottish Government shall not be bound to progress or conclude any related procurement activity.

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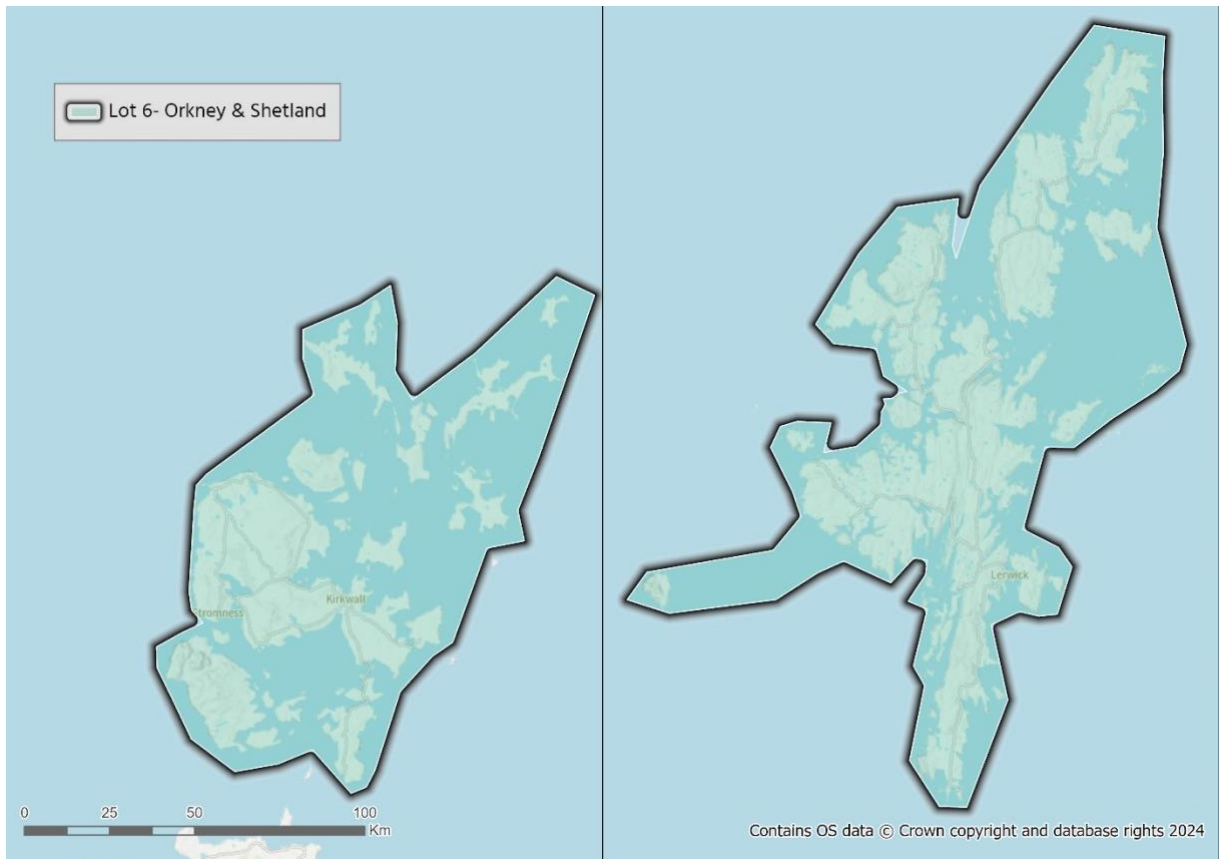
Activity	Date
Procurement start date	November 2024
Estimated contract award date	August 2025

¹⁴ [The Public Contracts \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015](#)

Appendix H – Lot 6 Procurement Details

Lot 6 is scheduled to launch later this year and initially includes **10,682** properties. Lot 6 encompasses the mainland and islands within the Orkney and Shetland Isles. The lot includes all the populated satellite islands within each chain but excludes the Fair Isle. The lot also excludes the main towns of Kirkwall and Lerwick.

The lot includes the outer islands of Orkney including; South Ronaldsay, Burray, Hoy, Shapinsay, Eday, Stonsay, Rousay, Sandy, Westray, Papa Westray and North Ronaldsay; and the outer islands of Shetland including; Bressay, Whalsay, Out Skerries, Papa Stour, Foula, Yell, Unst and Fetlar.

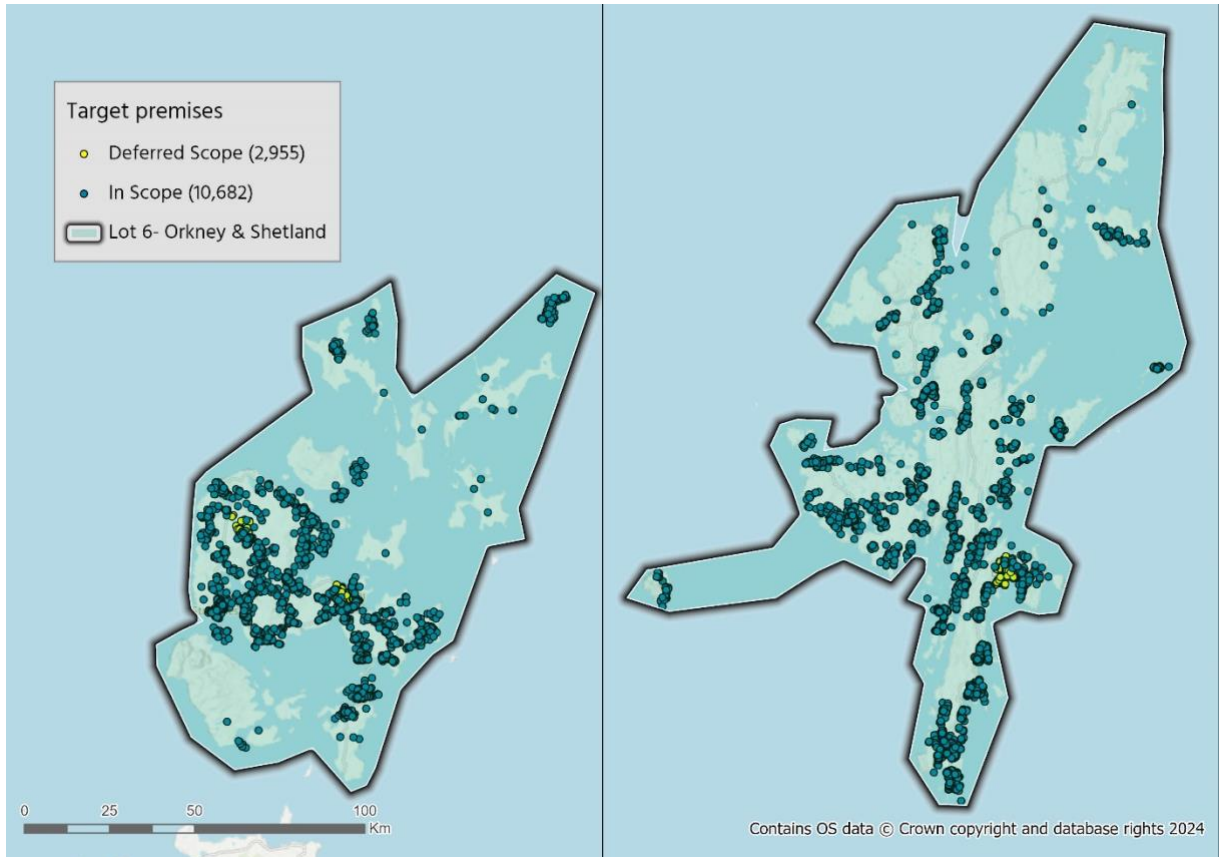


Map showing Lot 6 – Orkney and Shetland Islands

The Scottish Government has carried out market engagement to seek feedback from suppliers on the Scotland-wide intervention area and individual Lot design, including procurement type and market capacity to bid for potential procurements.

The total public funding investment has been based on the number of premises requiring subsidy. The Scottish Government will confirm a budget drawn from public funding for this area within the forthcoming tender documentation. Details of any restrictions on the use of public subsidy will be explained within the tender documentation.

Lot 6 will be a Type B (regional) procurement with an initial **10,682** in-scope premises and **2,955** deferred scope premises for an anticipated subsidy amount of **£41,000,000**. The in-scope and deferred scope premises for the procurement are shown below. Full details of eligible premises will be included within the tender documentation and are available to suppliers on request.



Map showing Lot 6 – in-scope and deferred scope premises

This procurement was designed utilising data from the PR conducted in Scotland referred to in this document and supplemented with information derived from the October 2023 rolling Open Market Review undertaken by the Scottish Government and subsequent supplier and programme updates received up to the 17th June 2024. Premises identified as no longer valid in our baseline Ordnance Survey data have also been removed. This ensures that we have used the most up to date information about suppliers' existing and planned commercial build with supplier submissions being used to inform eligibility across Project Gigabit in Scotland procurements.

The Scottish Government is confident that integrating these rolling OMR findings will ensure the best possible outcome for this procurement area, maximising both coverage and value for money accordingly. Our interventions will always flex to respond to both changes in the dynamic marketplace, and the appetite for our procurements.

The forthcoming procurement for Lot 6 will be carried out in accordance with the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015¹⁵. Scottish Government procurement approaches are designed to address the scale of the individual procurements. The Lot 6 procurement will be conducted in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner. The Scottish Government reserves the right to amend or withdraw the procedure for the competitive sourcing process at any time. Any amendments will be done in line with the Procurement Regulations. Suppliers acknowledge and accept that by issuing this document, the Scottish Government shall not be bound to progress or conclude any related procurement activity.

Under no circumstances shall the Scottish Government incur any liability in respect of the information contained in this document or any supporting documentation.

Timescales

The following table summarises the indicative timescales for the Lot 6 procurement:

Activity	Date
Procurement start date	October 2024
Estimated contract award date	July 2025

¹⁵ [The Public Contracts \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015](#)



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