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The Broadband Stakeholder Group (BSG) is the UK government's leading advisory group on broadband. It provides a neutral forum for organisations across the converging broadband value-chain to discuss and resolve key policy, regulatory and commercial issues, with the ultimate aim of helping to create a strong and competitive UK knowledge economy.

Experience of the effects of the changes made in 2013:

1. **What is your view of the effectiveness of the package of changes made in 2013? Please explain why.**
2. **To what extent have the amendments provided the increased rate of infrastructure installation intended? Please provide numbers of any new poles and overhead lines deployed so far and the numbers of cabinets in protected areas.**
3. **Please describe any benefits arising from the changes to the regulatory framework, including any operational and administrative cost savings, or any additional premises covered.**
4. **Is the Code of Practice being widely used, and are all parties adhering to it? Please provide evidence.**
5. **How have the changes to the Code of Practice and permitted development rights affected your commercial decisions to roll-out broadband to premises in Article (2) land?**
6. **Does the Code of Practice effectively address all of the circumstances for the installation of infrastructure? If not, please explain.**
7. **Are there new issues that should be included in an updated Code of Practice?**
8. **Are there protections in the permitted development rights that have not been adequately covered in the Code of Practice?**
9. **How many complaints has your organisation received since the last review in 2014 and how many are for the same concerns?**
10. **Please describe the nature of any complaints, your response and how many complaints were escalated for a decision.**

11. What, if any, negative impacts have arisen as a direct result of the 2013 package of changes?

12. Do the behaviours demonstrated by all parties involved, either directly or as interested stakeholders, justify extending or making permanent the changes that were temporarily introduced for five years? Please explain why.

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