

# Shared Access License: Sunderland's story

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# BAI Communications

## Key figures















- Presence on **4 continents**
- **Over 800 full-time employees**
- Communications networks in **400+ subway stations and tunnels**
- **Over 750 transmission sites (including towers)** in Australia
- **13 MNO partners globally**
- **Majority-owned by** Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPP Investments) since 2009

## Our footprint and solution portfolio



# Neutral Host | Industry Logic

BAI Communications is a global provider of Neutral Host solutions

Who	Tenants		Site owners / Tenants	
	Network Operators	Transit	Enterprises and Venues	Cities and Communities
What	<u>Network solutions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small cells</li> <li>• Towers</li> <li>• Fibre</li> <li>• Build and operate</li> <li>• Access to other networks (transit, enterprise, communities)</li> </ul>	<u>Connected transit solutions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAS</li> <li>• Onboard and in-station Wi-Fi</li> <li>• Fibre</li> <li>• Private networks</li> <li>• Trackside connectivity</li> <li>• Smart transit use cases (incl. analytics)</li> <li>• Build and operate</li> </ul>	<u>Connected venue solutions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CaaS / DAS (Private and public connectivity)</li> <li>• Network operators funding</li> <li>• Wi-Fi</li> <li>• Smart venue use cases (incl. analytics)</li> <li>• Build and operate</li> </ul>	<u>Connected Place solutions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private, public, indoor, outdoor connectivity (multi technology)</li> <li>• Network operators (funding)</li> <li>• Fibre</li> <li>• Smart places use cases (incl. analytics)</li> <li>• Build and operate</li> </ul>
Why BAI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong relationship/ partnership with network operators</li> <li>• "Real estate" agreements (e.g., Tfl assets, DoITT licences)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International credibility with flagship projects</li> <li>• Smart transit specialist</li> <li>• Experience in complex / transit environments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International credibility with flagship projects</li> <li>• Specialist in both private and public networks</li> <li>• Global customers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International credibility with flagship projects (Sunderland)</li> <li>• Long-term investor / risk taker</li> </ul>
Proof point flagship customers / projects	    	   	   	



# Smart City Partnership

- A **first of its kind** 'Smart City and 5G Neutral Host' Joint Venture
- 20 year Strategic Partnership; A pivotal next step in achieving our Smart City Vision
- Fund, build & manage a network of networks, taking a layered technology approach focused on outcomes
- Deliver transformational use cases – that make a real difference

## BAI Communications

- Invest significant financial and organisational resources and global communications expertise in Sunderland
- Become the aggregator of a strong supplier eco-system to support the Joint Venture
- Work in partnership to develop Sunderland as a **leading UK Smart City** and a **Global Centre of Excellence**

Sunderland  
City Council

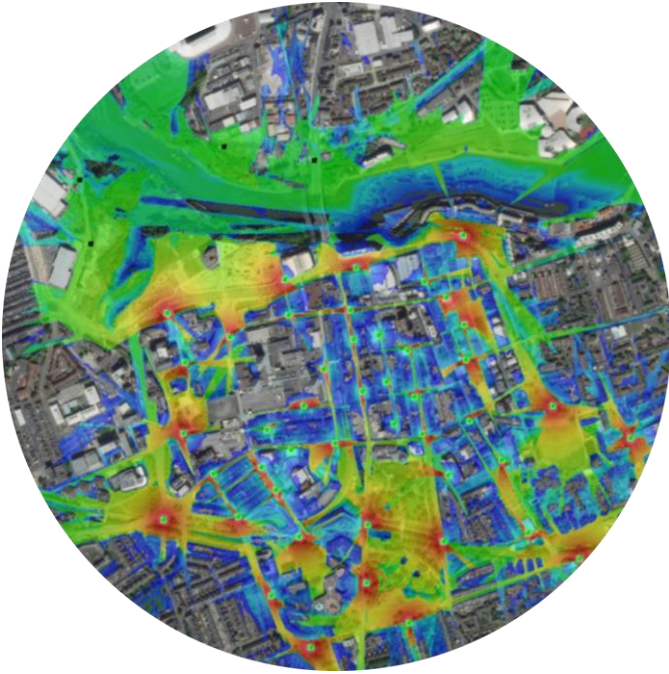


**Sunderland  
a city of ambition**

**By 2030 Sunderland  
will be a connected,  
international city with  
opportunities for all.**



# Smart City – Delivery Plan



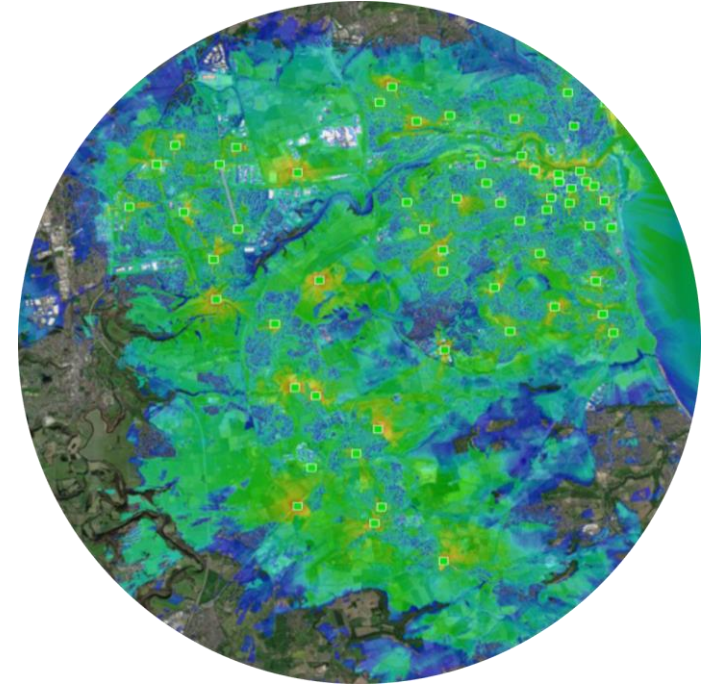
## City Centre 5G

Ultrafast, free Wi-Fi



## Roker Ultrafast

free Wi-Fi



## City-wide LoRaWAN

(long range, low powered network)

# A platform for **innovation**

A digital fabric that supports multiple use cases

IoT/5G Accelerator

Private Networks

Education

Manufacturing, transport

Health care

Environmental monitoring

Footfall and vehicular analytics

Smart places and venues

# Linked to **outcomes**

A unique public, private partnership, creating next generation connectivity to delivery:

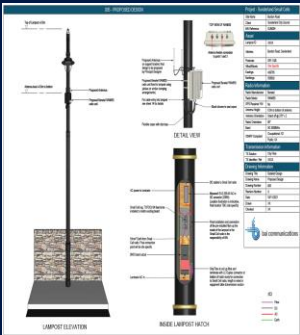
- Ability to scale and develop digital transformations already underway for a broader set of communities
- Economic value
- Reducing digital exclusion
- Creating the most advanced smart city in the UK





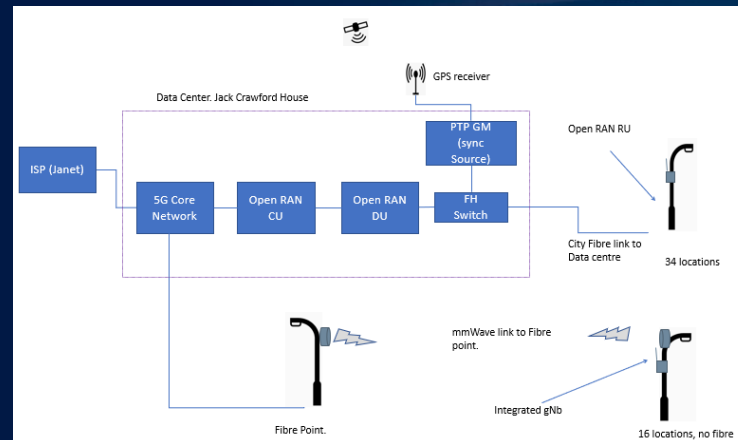
# Sunderland Smart City Shared Access License

Total Area: 1.384 km<sup>2</sup>  
Minimum Signal: 120 dBm  
(outdoor coverage)  
Outdoor Coverage: 92%



## Network Properties

- 5G Stand Alone
- Frequency N77 (3945 MHz)
- Shared Spectrum with EIRP = 31 dBm
- 53 Omni antennas with 2x2 MIMO
- Bandwidth 100 MHz
- Open-RAN (split 7.2) and Integrated gNb
- Fibre front hall and mmWave back haul



- Certainty
- Application process / tracker
- Higher power
- Other n77 challenges
  - Ecosystem (UEs, CPE)
  - Fibre
  - ORAN integration



# Thank You

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