

Lifelines for the People: Victory Towards Keeping Us Connected

Unanimous Guilty Verdict in People's Court Copper Landline Case

On Wednesday 14th of October, 2026, the Jury at the People's Court reached a unanimous decision of guilty on all counts with regards to the planned switch-off of UK copper Landlines by January 2027. The Court Summons (enclosed) concluded that: "In order not to breach statute alongside the Common Law duty to cause no harm, all defendants must collectively ensure the protection in Law of the analogue copper Landline, as well as its reinstatement where it has been dismantled. In addition, ubiquitous Phone Boxes must be provided, with access to copper wires, for the sake of National Security, Public Health, Inclusion and the Environment."

SUMMONS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE PEOPLE'S COURT

Summons issued to:

Allison Kirkby, Chief Executive, BT Group, and any successors in office having similar responsibilities
Katie Milligan, Chief Executive, OpenReach and any successors in office having similar responsibilities
Lisa Nandy, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and any successors in office having similar responsibilities
Liz Kendall, Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology between 5 September 2025 and 20 July 2026
Sir Ian Cheshire, Chair of Ofcom and any successors in office having similar responsibilities

Based on the evidence put before them, the Jury unanimously decided that the defendants are guilty of the following:

- . Failure to conduct an adequate risk assessment; Failure to identify and evaluate relevant safety, exposure or privacy risks.
- . Failure to investigate foreseeable harm; Failure to investigate credible indications of potential harm where appropriate or required.
- . Failure to apply appropriate safety precautions; Failure to implement precautions required by applicable law, standards or circumstances.
- . Failure to monitor or review safety; Failure to reassess risks after installation, modification or new evidence.
- . Failure to obtain or scrutinise technical evidence; Failure to verify equipment capabilities, specifications, test results or compliance evidence.
- . Abuse of a position of trust; Improper use of authority or responsibility attached to a position.
- . Failure to assess exposure; Failure to evaluate relevant radiofrequency, optical or infrared exposure where required.
- . Negligent exposure to a hazard; Potential failure to take reasonable care to protect people from a hazard.
- . Failure to maintain accountability and oversight; Failure to establish clear responsibility, monitoring, governance and review
- . Reckless endangerment. NB: Reckless Endangerment is a criminal offense where a person acts with a conscious disregard for safety, creating a substantial and unjustifiable risk of death or serious physical injury to another person. No Injury Required: The crime is "inchoate" or risk-based, meaning prosecutors do not need to prove that someone was actually hurt or that property was destroyed—only that a severe risk was created.

Jury's Recommendations:

- 1.The public paid for the initial installation via BT and now the copper is being sold with profits going to BT. This money should be returned to the people.*
 - 2.Hold a public consultation before any planned switch-off. The Government, Ofcom and the Telecoms industry have an obligation to protect the public and failure to act according to this represents malfeasance / misfeasance in public office (MIPO).
 - 3.Reinstall phone boxes for the sake of National Security.
 - 4.Reinstate the copper wires where they have been dismantled
- Points (3) and (4) are for the sake of National Security, Public Health, Inclusion and the Environment

Silver Voices, an independent organisation representing Senior Citizens in the UK, who presented a 115:000 (now over 118:000) strong Landline Petition to Downing Street in June - <https://www.change.org/p/save-our-landlines-stop-forced-digital-switchovers-keep-heather-safe> - sent this endorsement of the Case:

Silver Voices commends the organisers of the People's Court in finding this innovative way to hold the Government and BT to account for their disastrous and forced programme to switch reliable copper wire landlines to inferior digital alternatives; without due regard for the health and safety of customers or the security implications for the country.

Dennis Reed

Director Silver Voices

Gloria Moss, Convenor of the People's Court Case, states that *"The Natural Common Law People's Court has superior jurisdiction to the corporate court system since, in accordance with Thomas Aquinas' Schema, it stands above Human Law and also draws its authority from the monarch's pledge in the Coronation Oath to maintain the 'customs' of this realm. People-led courts have been customary in England for hundreds of years and these factors mean that a unanimous verdict from a Natural Common Law court is legal and lawful"*.

Tanja Katarina Rebel, coordinator of International Action to Save the Analogue Copper Landline, says: *"The copper analogue landline urgently needs to be protected/reinstated in UK Law as critical infrastructure for National and International Security. How else will people communicate once there is a massive Power Outage or Cyber Attack? Will they stand waving their phones in the air in the hope of a non-existent WIFI connection like they did in Spain and Portugal when these countries experienced nationwide blackouts, or will they have access to safe and secure forms of communication which do not depend on insecure battery back-ups or Atmosphere destroying satellite phones? The UK Government warns of the risks of War and encourages people to stockpile food and water, whilst at the same time enabling the switch-off our Copper Lifelines. How is this right? It certainly doesn't make sense from a Security perspective."*

Our copper analogue landlines are literally Lifelines. They provide a reliable, high quality, secure and affordable voice service, which is essential for the elderly, businesses, people suffering from the Functional Impairment Electrohypersensitivity (EHS) and many others who have chosen not to use Wireless Technology and who do not want an Internet connection. Dismantling landlines will cost us safety, health as well as jobs and cut off critical emergency communications access to millions of people. Copper landlines serve as a necessary, reliable and safe alternative to power-grid dependent, energy-hungry communications systems like VOIP and re-investing in our copper telephone landline network will be beneficial for Public Health, Security and Ecology.

During a Power cut, VOIP will not be available, which will be a direct danger to life. It will also require the modem to be kept on 24/7 for round the clock access, which will be an energy usurper and hence environmentally detrimental. Mobile/satellite back-up systems in their turn are not as secure and they are harmful to Public Health and Ecology as well. Battery back-ups are only temporary (a few hours at best guaranteed) and are not an option for those suffering from EHS. What's more, whilst Digital Voice service may allow the dual channel wi-fi to be disabled but for BT customers (BT Homehub 2) the DECT signal emissions cannot be disabled. This renders ongoing personal exposure to high frequency wireless electromagnetic fields / radiation (EMF/ EMR) which is a serious issue for people with EMR-S (electromagnetic hypersensitivity) who are unlikely to be able to tolerate the continuous EMR emissions from the router. On top of this, routers create Dirty Electricity which is harmful to health as well and an impossibility for people who are already sensitive to the increasing exposure to Electrosmog.

People with EHS (now also called EMR-Syndrome) are the Canaries in the Coalmine: All Humans are Electrosensitive and Electrosmog is the new Tobacco. There is no longer any question whether wireless Radio Frequency (RF) radiation – used in mobile phone communications and wireless devices – is harmful to Humans and Wildlife. Commonly identified health consequences of short and longer term exposures include insomnia, headaches and fatigue, as well as other serious and life changing ailments.**

This issue is now beyond urgent and we call on the Government to step up to the plate by protecting the Analogue Copper Landline in Law for the sake of Security, Privacy, Public Health, Inclusion and the Environment.

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ADDENDUM

* The taxpayer funded the acquisition of the existing telephone infrastructure under the General Post Office (GPO). Following a 1880 court ruling that extended the GPO's telegraph monopoly to telephones, the Government nationalized the private National Telephone Company (NTC) in 1912. The UK Parliament authorized the Treasury to purchase the NTC's assets for £12.5 million, a cost borne by the state, which included 1,500 miles of wire and 1,565 exchanges. This consolidation created a unified, state owned copper network that remained a public monopoly until the privatization of British Telecom in the 1980s. Now a private corporation is potentially set to steal this copper from the taxpayer by complicity with the UK Government, making it easier to tap digital data from personal and private communications and internet activity (without our GDPR consent).

<https://www.openreach.com/news-and-opinion/2023/openreach-change-telephone-network>

<https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/bills/article-12640683/How-BT-set-pocket-1bn-copper-wire-landlines-switch-digital-phones.html>

** Tens of thousands of scientific papers (linked herein) have cited connections to the role of EMFs in a multitude of adverse health effects, including depression, infertility, cancer, diabetes, damage to DNA/gene expression, oxidative stress, pregnancy complications, Melatonin production, neurological disorders, immune dysfunction, Alzheimers/dementia, leukaemia, and many, many more.*

Over 1,600 scientific papers can be found here: <https://www.powerwatch.org.uk/science/studies.asp>

Another 4000+ studies can be found here: <http://www.bioinitiative.org>

And another 23,840 studies are linked here: www.EMF-portal.org

Finally, here is a compilation of the vast number of known biological effects from wireless radiation: <https://www.5gfrequencyfreefairbanks.org>

The Devon village where a quaint red telephone box is a Lifeline: <https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/devon-village-quaint-red-telephone-10092932>

Devon Village up in Arms as Locals issue Red Phone Box Warning:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/2041415/devon-locals-issued-red-phone-box-warning>

> The Petition SAVE OUR LANDLINES: Help us maintain full access to our well-established and vital copper landline network

> <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/save-our-landlines-help-us-maintain-full-access> reached nearly 3000 signatories and there are hundreds of poignant comments by the signatories.