

**Executive Summary** 

## Closing the connectivity gap

The case for bringing mobile connectivity inside your building.



### Can't get a signal inside?

Look at any mobile coverage map of the UK and, outdoors, you'll find figures typically exceeding 90% connectivity when it comes to 4G, and the growing penetration of newer, ultra-fast 5G coverage. Inside it's often a different story.

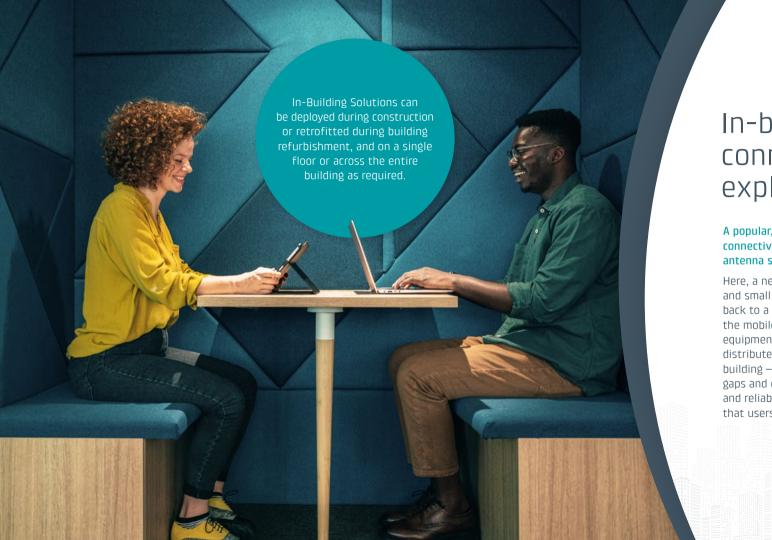
According to the UK's telecom regulator OFCOM, thick walls, steel window frames, ceilings and pillars can impair indoor coverage. At the same time, buildings in the 'shadow' of others can find their mobile signals blocked. The result: users can't make or take calls or access their mobile apps.

As well as visitor and employee frustration, the impacts can be business critical: missing the customer call in the office, poor guest experiences in hospitality and poorly performing mobile apps in shopping centres.

Similarly, for commercial property owners and developers, inadequate mobile connectivity creates a range of issues from first occupancy and beyond. Business tenants will go elsewhere if teams can't use their smartphones indoors.

Just like power and water, mobile communication is now considered a utility. Everyone has an expectation and need for reliable indoor coverage.

The value it brings to business is considerable, and enhancing coverage is easier than you may think with a Cellnex UK multi-operator in-building connectivity solution.



# In-building connectivity explained

A popular, high value in-building connectivity option is a distributed antenna system (DAS).

Here, a network of radio units and small antennas is connected back to a technical room that houses the mobile network operator's (MNO) equipment. The antennas then distribute the signal around the building – filling mobile coverage gaps and delivering the fast and reliable 4G or 5G connectivity that users need.





### Smart businesses get connected

#### For building owners and landlords

- Attract and retain high value tenants with reliable mobile connectivity
- Enhance differentiation with bundled connectivity as part of your serviced office package
- Market the property as a connected building
- with connectivity for today's smart applications
- Ensure connectivity for facilities management and maintenance teams
- Eliminate mobile-related complaints from tenants

#### For hospitality

- Enhance guest experiences with greater mobile connectivity, mobile apps and services
- Improve staff to guest connectivity
- Ensure connectivity for staff and maintenance teams
- Overcome on-site mobile communications issues for third party retail and leisure tenants

#### For enterprises

- Make and receive business critical sales and customer calls
- Provide seamless mobile connectivity for visitors and staff
- Support bring your own device (BYOD) strategies
- Drive efficient and productive working
- Eliminate dropped calls and slow mobile internet
- Embrace flexible workstyles to make mobility and hot-desking a reality

#### For retail and leisure

- Support multichannel retail options (with instore access to apps and online services)
- Increase dwell time by ensuring visitors can stay connected to family and friends
- Take advantage of new mobile-related innovations (augmented reality, etc.)
- Deliver new services such as app-based promotions, wayfinding, and cashless payment options

# Impact on productivity and reputation

Mobile connectivity is critical in today's always-on world. All too often, however, people are forced to leave desks, rooms or even venues to get a signal, make a call or check email. This is frustrating for business users, shoppers and guests alike.

More significantly, dropped calls and coverage black spots can have a marked impact on daily business, personal productivity and even revenues. But while poor indoor coverage and capacity can be big problems, there's a simple solution.



## In-Building Solutions from Cellnex UK

Cellnex UK can help you bridge the gaps with a broad range of cost effective in-building connectivity options, funded through a range of flexible commercial models.





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As a neutral host – an independent provider working with all mobile operators – we can deliver fast, reliable connectivity from all four UK mobile operators as an end-to-end service.

Plus Cellnex UK is continually innovating our solutions as technologies evolve. For example, exploring options to deploy solutions to the new Joint Operator Technical Specifications (JOTS) Neutral Host In-Building (NHIB) architecture which promises to further reduce the costs of delivering connectivity.





Purpose-built **4G/5G solution** 

Coverage from all UK Mobile **Network Operators** 

High data speeds and coverage throughout your building

Tailored to meet your **specific needs** 

**Fully managed solution** supported over its whole life

Flexible commercial models to suit your business







Cellnex UK is a Critical National Infrastructure Provider and one of Europe's leading telecommunication companies. We have extensive experience deploying In-Building Solutions in transport hubs, commercial real estate, retail outlets, hospitality venues and more.

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