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Sean Williams

Chairman
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Sean Williams is Chairman of G.Network UK Communications, the fibre network and internet services business in central London. Since he joined in 2018, G.Network has grown from about 5,000 premises passed with its network to about 175,000 premises. He led the board through a successful £1bn fund-raising in December 2020, to finance a plan to pass 1.3 million premises.

Until 2017, Sean was Chief Strategy Officer of BT Group and a member of its Executive Committee. He played an instrumental role in BT's £12.5bn acquisition of EE (2014-15) and its clearance by the UK Competition & Markets Authority (2015-16); he led the negotiations with Ofcom regarding BT's ownership and control of Openreach (2017); and he drove BT's fibre broadband strategy (2011-2017), negotiating public subsidies with the UK government and state aid clearance with the European Commission.

Sean was formerly a member of the board of Ofcom (2003-2007), responsible for the economic and competition regulation of telecoms and broadcasting in the UK, and the board of the Office of Fair Trading (2007-08), where he was responsible for merger control and competition law enforcement. Sean has also been a non-executive director of fast-growing private companies for 20 years: in Williams Lea Group, a £1bn business services company (1991-2008), and as a founder shareholder and Senior Independent Director Nosy Crow, a £20m children's publishing company (2010 to the present). He is also Chairman of Grain Connect, a fibre network business focus on areas outside London.

Sean has three Masters degrees, in Economics and Politics from Oxford University, Public Administration from Harvard University and Buddhist Studies from SOAS University of London, and one in Philosophy at King's College London in progress.

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