

News story: CMA clears media intelligence merger



Both companies gather, collate and analyse information on the advertising activity of companies across the UK and overseas.

The decision comes following the Competition and Markets Authority's (CMA) in-depth investigation of the deal, which received [provisional clearance](#) in October 2018.

An independent CMA inquiry group found that, although Nielsen and Ebiquity sell advertising intelligence products to UK and international customers, the design of their products, how they are used, and the fact that very few customers switch between the companies means they don't closely compete.

The clearance decision also took into account the changing advertising landscape, in particular the rapid increase in online advertising, which has put pressure on both companies as they provide intelligence on traditional media.

All information relating to the merger inquiry can be found on the [case page](#).

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Press release: Chance to find out about plans to remove Dove Cliff Weir

Project will improve biodiversity on the river

News story: National celebration of engineering held at Westminster Abbey

The vast contribution engineers make to society was in the spotlight as Westminster Abbey played host to a special national service today (22 November 2018) to celebrate the engineering profession and its work in inspiring the next generation.

The service, the first of its kind, was led by The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, to mark the government's Year of Engineering and the bicentenary of the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE). The event was jointly organised by HM Government, ICE, and the Royal Academy of Engineering (RAEng).

Representatives from across the engineering community, engineering charities and government gathered together to celebrate great British engineers past and present, including Thomas Telford and Robert Stephenson, who are buried at the Abbey, and the inspiring engineers working at the forefront of innovations that will shape our future.

Students from local schools were also invited to attend, with the service providing a chance to reflect on how industry and government have joined forces throughout 2018 to bring engineering to life for young people from all backgrounds – and the importance of this continuing in 2019 and beyond.

The service included personal testimonies from engineering ambassador Roma Agrawal MBE, Associate Director at AECOM and famed for her work on The Shard, and Colonel Deborah Porter, Deputy Commander of the Defence Medical Group, on how engineering had changed their lives and enabled them to help and inspire others through their work.

Secretary of State for Transport Chris Grayling said:

In a year which has seen government and industry join forces to raise the bar for inspiring the next generation of engineers, what could be more fitting than to come together to celebrate the contribution that engineers have made and will continue to make to all of our lives?

The Year of Engineering has been a chance to show young people across the UK all that this profession has to offer them – and to spread the message that engineering needs talented young people from all walks of life to tackle some of the biggest challenges we face.

I hope today's service serves as an important reminder not just of our proud engineering history but of the role young people will play in writing its next chapter.

Andrew Wyllie CBE, ICE President, said:

This special occasion gives ICE an opportunity to celebrate its bicentenary and to thank its members for the positive impact they have made to all our lives. Civil engineers have transformed people's lives for the better and will safeguard the future for their families. As we come together to celebrate the passion, creativity, and commitment which exists across all engineering, we also recognise the importance of inspiring and nurturing a new generation of engineers.

Professor Dame Ann Dowling OM DBE FREng FRS, President of the Royal Academy of Engineering, said:

Engineering expertise will be critical to tackling the global challenges we face in the years to come. Engineers will play a central role in addressing the effects of climate change and rising sea levels, and in ensuring that our growing population will have access to food, water, clean energy and affordable healthcare. We hope future generations will be inspired by the opportunities engineering offers to shape their world, to discover new ways to improve lives in the future and to help meet the needs of the twenty first century and beyond.

Find out about the [Year of Engineering](#), including activities, events, videos and school resources.

[News story: Manchester seminar: Offender to Entrepreneur](#)



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[News story: Bold new measures to keep people safe on the roads](#)

- government publishes [2 year action plan](#) to improve safety of vulnerable road users
- funding boost for police use of video evidence, and new 15% local infrastructure investment goal
- minister Jesse Norman announces search for new cycling and walking champion, to promote cycle and pedestrian-friendly policies

A [number of ground-breaking initiatives have been announced](#) as part of a [2 year action plan to improve road safety](#).

The 50 proposed new measures are part of the government's plan to combat road rage, encourage greater mutual respect between road users and protect the most vulnerable.

Councils will be given powers to tackle dangerous parking in mandatory cycle lanes, and will also be encouraged to spend around 15% of their local transport infrastructure funding on walking and cycling.

Cycling and Walking Minister Jesse Norman said:

Greater road safety– and especially the protection of vulnerable road users such as cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders – is essential.

We want to improve air quality, encourage healthy exercise, reduce obesity and boost our high streets and economic productivity.

That means more support for cycling and walking, and that's why these new measures are designed to deliver.

As part of the action plan, a bespoke new back office unit will be set up so that police can analyse video evidence submitted by the public. This builds on the success of Operation Snap – a successful programme first piloted by North Wales Police in 2016 – and will allow police to handle video and photographic evidence submitted via dash cams.

The Department for Transport (DfT) will also appoint a new cycling and walking champion, to ensure new policies meet the needs of road users across the UK, and will host a new 2019 Bikeability Summit encouraging businesses to promote cycling and walking schemes to their employees.

Joshua Harris, director of campaigns at Brake, the road safety charity, said:

People who choose to cycle or walk should be able to do so in a safe and welcoming environment; active travel is not only great for personal health but public health too. With cyclists and pedestrians among the most vulnerable on our roads, safety, and the perceptions of safety, need to be addressed to encourage more people to leave their cars at home and get active. We welcome the government's action plan, which couldn't be more timely as people across the country are encouraged to be more #BikeSmart for national Road Safety Week.

Joe Irvin, Chief Executive, Living Streets said:

Too often people walking pay the ultimate price on our roads. This is unacceptable and we need opportunities like this to make our roads safer.

Looking to improve the Highway Code for walking and cycling, and appointing a cycling and walking champion can help make our streets safer for everyone.

Lower speed limits in urban areas, more time to cross at light-controlled crossings, better street maintenance and constraints on pavement parking can all help encourage people to choose these cleaner and healthier ways to travel.

The action plan will also assess whether insurance companies could offer discounts to drivers and motorcyclists who have passed Bikeability training. The DfT will work closely with courier companies to explore incentives for drivers who undergo training in driving safely alongside cyclists, pedestrians and horse-riders.

The action plan builds upon the feedback of more than 14,000 people, including organisations such as Brake, Living Streets, Cycling UK and the British Horse Society – who responded to the Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy Safety Review call for evidence.

We are seeking to make cycling and walking the natural choices for shorter journeys, or as part of a longer journey, by 2040. Since the strategy was published, councils and metro mayors have allocated an additional £700 million to active travel initiatives, with almost £2 billion being invested in this area over this Parliament.

The government announced that it would [review guidance in the Highway Code](#) on how road users should behave in relation to cyclists and pedestrians, as well as other vulnerable road users. The review will be conducted in consultation with all key stakeholders, including those representing equestrians.