

Answers to the .net.uk consultation:

1. I believe the function of a domain name is to provide an "online identity" for a person or enterprise.  
2. No  
3. Yes  
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5.(a) I don't see it as being a duplicate, as it is specifically utilised for network providers in the UK (thus arguably not being the same as .net), and is being used for network purposes (hence, not the same as .co.uk , which implies commercial purposes [i.e. sales website]).

(b)Yes, because the .net.uk SLD would end up being used the same as the current SLD's (.org.uk / .co.uk etc).

6. I would define an ISP as being a limited company (ltd / plc), with a "network", AS number, RIPE membership and a Nominet tag.

These criteria would be relatively easy to verify (Companies house website provides some information, RIPE and nominet sites provide the rest).

7. I would define a "Network provider" as being a company that owns a nationwide backbone network (i.e. BT Plc, Cable&Wireless) and provides networking services to ISP's (i.e. Level3 / Abovenet). - These companies would have an ASN, RIPE membership, and evidence of maintaining aforementioned network.

8. Yes, I believe there are sufficient differences. - The domain should be open to both types of providers.

9. I agree with option B, because it provides a clear definition of what the SLD is for, who can use it etc, and will help consumers distinguish the difference between a \*real\* ISP, and a unreal one (i.e. one that doesn't meet the criteria).

10. The ideas given (Strong ones) should be sufficient in enforcing the restrictions of the SLD.

11. Yes.

12. Yes - they shouldn't be assigned to customers unless there is a technical reason for doing so.

13. I would think that the benefit of more registrations would be defeated, because of duplicate registrations, and more "bad faith" registrations.

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