

Apologies for not following your form format, but I think my views can be more succinctly expressed in writing.

I do not support the opening up of the .net.uk namespace. I would agree that some relaxation would benefit true ISP's (ie. those that truly own internet infrastructure but not a RIPE allocation and AS Number), but opening the namespace would result in countless companies being told they need to register a name in order to protect themselves. This name would never be used and would inappropriate for their business needs.

If the UK ISP community so desperately needs their own SLD to 'identify' themselves, then I would suggest .isp.uk would be a far better SLD. Your average internet user would associate this much more effectively with the services that an ISP provides than they would .net.uk.

It is also surprising that (to my knowledge) no bright spark in an existing large ISP has looked at creating an SLD for the industry. There is a clear process laid out by Nominet for doing this and, if there was a real need in ISP's across the land to have their own SLD, this could have been created. With so many ISPs clambering to register their domain names I'm sure said bright spark would now be reaping the financial benefits of such a stroke of genius.

Regards,

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