

Dear Editors,

Please find attached our manuscript entitled ‘Working from home and digital divides: resilience during the pandemic’.

Our paper, which is an original research article, offers a new perspective on telecommuting from the viewpoint of the complex web of digital divides. Using the UK as a case study, this paper studies how the quality and reliability of internet services, as reflected in *experienced* internet upload speeds during the spring 2020 lockdown, may reinforce or redress the spatial and social dimensions of digital divisions. Fast, reliable internet connections are necessary for the population to be able to work from home. Although not every place hosts individuals in occupations which allow for telecommuting nor with the necessary skills to effectively use the internet to telecommute, good internet connectivity is also essential to local economic resilience in a period like the current pandemic.

We believe that our papers speaks directly to the aims and scope of *Environment and Planning A*. It raises questions regarding urban and regional restructuring and uneven development from the perspective of digital divides and working from home during the current pandemic. These are issues of significant economic and social concern especially considering the potential increase in working from home after the pandemic. To address these questions, the paper creatively blends concepts and ideas from urban and regional studies as well as economies of technology, information. It builds a methodologically innovative framework by employing time-series clustering methods and individual broadband speed test data, which are rarely used in geographical studies.

We confirm that this manuscript is not published elsewhere, is not currently under consideration for publication elsewhere and will not be submitted to another journal for consideration until a decision has been rendered by the editors.

Thank you for your consideration of the manuscript. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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