

CSW Broadband Project Update – March 2014

The CSW Broadband project has now released a new map and the first rolling 12-month plan on the project website: <http://www.cswbroadband.org.uk> The map shows current and future areas for survey, whilst the 12-month plan shows cabinets that are due for upgrade in phase one of the project, and exchange areas for the following three phases. The team are working hard to escalate the rollout so that even more areas can be connected to superfast broadband in the coming months. Both the map and the plan will be updated regularly to reflect the latest position as this is a rapidly moving project. In the meantime, the project team are looking forward to announcing the first cabinets to go live over the next few weeks.

Work is also progressing on bringing additional funding to the project, with an application due to be submitted to government in June for funds to extend the rollout to cover 95% of Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire premises by 2017. It is recognised that the current project is a stepping stone to the EU targets for 2020 of all Europeans having access to broadband above 30 Mbps (which is above the current upper threshold) and 50% connected to and using 100 Mbps.