

First superfast broadband communities are announced

From Spring 2014, superfast fibre-based broadband will start to become available for the first time in parts of Alderminster, Fillongley, Henley-in-Arden, Kineton, Quinton, Long Marston, Snitterfield and Welford-on-Avon. In addition, fibre will also 'go live' in areas of Stratford-upon-Avon and Wellesbourne not already enabled by any commercial rollout.

CSW Broadband will connect around 40,000 additional premises in the project area to superfast broadband with download speeds of up to 80 megabits per second (Mbps) and uploads of up to 20Mbps.

Further updates about the rollout will be made in the coming weeks via the project newsletters and the CSW Broadband website: www.cswbroadband.org.uk. The combined commercial and CSW Broadband rollouts will result in 91 per cent of the area's homes and businesses being able to access superfast broadband. On completion of the CSW Broadband rollout, all non-superfast premises within Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire will be able to access a minimum of 2Mbps, but in practice this could be up to 23.9 Mbps (above which it is classified as superfast).

We recognise that this 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, but additional funding will be required to make this happen (see below).