

New CSW Broadband cabinets announced and map updated

The latest iteration of the rolling 12-month plan is now available on the project website. This includes 38 new cabinets across the project area, which will start to go live from now. Remember, though, that each Phase can take up to 6 months to complete! The rolling 12-month plan can be found here: <http://www.cswbroadband.org.uk/where-when/rolling-12-month-plan>

We've also updated the rollout map which now contains a very healthy coverage of green – indicating those areas where the cabinets have been upgraded. The mapping is generated using postcodes, and telecoms infrastructure does not follow postcodes so one cabinet may cover many postcode areas or one postcode may contain many cabinets. For a more accurate understanding of what connectivity is available to your own property and to establish which cabinet your property is connected to please use the DSL checker (www.dslchecker.bt.com). For the best results you will need to be able to enter a BT landline number for your property. Otherwise you can use your address, but it may be less accurate. Do not use the postcode checker, as noted above, that covers too wide an area to be of any use.

PLEASE NOTE: The new map shows the rollout under Contract 1 only. We will not be able to map coverage under Contract 2 until the spring – see below.

The tender for Contract 2, Part 1 is now being evaluated and we hope to be in a position to sign contracts by the end of January. We can then start to map the information, and that should be available during the spring.

Contract 2 is going to be in a number of parts, as funding becomes available. In part 1 we have the rollout for £3.68m Warwickshire County Council funding, plus £380k from Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. These amounts are matched by BDUK, giving a total of £8.12m to be modelled for Contract 2, Part 1.