

## **New Contract Brings Superfast Broadband to Additional Communities**

Over 17,000 additional homes and businesses across Warwickshire and Solihull will be able to get high-speed fibre broadband following the announcement of a new £10.73 million contract between CSW Broadband and BT. This part of the project (known as Contract 2, Part 1) will extend the CSW Broadband partnership roll-out which began connecting the first homes and businesses to faster fibre broadband in April 2014.

As with the announcement of Contract 1, there is a lot of work still to do before details can be given of when the rollout will actually occur in each area. At present there is an indicative schedule of rollout commencing during the summer of 2016 and continuing until summer 2019. However, as with the current programme, the CSW Broadband team are working to accelerate this and over the next few months will be working closely with BT to ensure that they gain maximum efficiencies from the programming. This approach has borne fruit with Contract 1 where the project is just 9 months into the rollout but is currently over 3 months ahead of schedule on the planned programme.

The potential coverage for Contract 2, Part 1 has been mapped. This is a single block colour only at present and, as with Contract 1, the colours will be introduced as the detail is known. There is a lot of surveying and other work to do before we get to the stage of being able to break things down into Phases though.

The latest map, showing the Phasing for Contract 1 and the overall coverage for Contract 2, Part 1, is available at: <http://www.cswbroadband.org.uk/the-project/latest-maps/nga-network-coverage-map>

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