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### **Broadband**

Following a number of queries from constituents regarding broadband provision in their area, I thought it might be helpful to write to you to let you know what the situation is in Oxfordshire at present.

The Government has already given funding to Oxfordshire County Council to work with BT Openreach to deliver superfast broadband to 90 per cent of Oxfordshire by the end of 2015.

In addition, District Councils across Oxfordshire have put in extra funds which will enable a further 5 per cent of Oxfordshire to have access to superfast broadband.

So that would leave just 5 per cent of the county without superfast broadband connectivity.

However, I would have thought it sensible for those communities who think they may not be included in the county's coverage to wait until next year and until after the General Election to start investing in alternative solutions because I think it is always possible that whoever is in Government may find further funds to try to get to 100 per cent broadband coverage.

Clearly and understandably everyone wants to know when their particular community is going to get superfast broadband. All of this is going to be done by the end of 2015 and the County Council have sought on their website to set out the sequence of how this is going to be done across the county. Obviously because this is a technical process it is always possible that there may be some eventual variations in the timetable but the County Council are giving quarterly updates on their website and I understand that the information as to the further 5 per cent i.e. to reach 95 per cent coverage should be on the County Council's website by the second week of June 2015.



So if you want to know whether your community is going to be covered by broadband and when the upgrade is likely to take place, you should go to the Postcode Map on their website:

<http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk/>

and simply put in your village or postcode and the website should be able to answer your questions.

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