

Report of: Corporate Director of Homes and Neighbourhoods  
Cllr O'Halloran Executive Member for Homes and Communities

Meeting of: Housing Scrutiny Committee

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## **Report to Housing Scrutiny Committee**

**Portfolio Holder: Councillor O'Halloran**

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## **Subject: Fibre Broadband update on programme delivery**

### **Executive Summary**

The G-Network wayleave agreement was signed on 28th June. 184 survey packs from Community Fibre and Hyperoptic have now been approved by the delivery team as of 1 July.

Cabling is now complete for 16 blocks - 14 further blocks since the last update (1247 units) have been cabled in addition to Spriggs House and Barratt House already reported. These completed blocks are now waiting for the providers' network builds. The providers are keeping us informed of their timetables for these works, so we are ready to inform residents as soon as services are live. Appendix 1 provides further detail about the programme status by ward.

As the providers build their networks and cable our estates across the borough, they are also starting to connect street properties. Residents are being advised to register their interest through the providers' websites with links available on the council website:  
[www.islingtonbroadband.gov.uk](http://www.islingtonbroadband.gov.uk).

We continue to liaise regularly with colleagues across the council to maximise on our partnership working with the providers, make introductions to colleagues where appropriate, provide input where useful and to extract community value from the programme.

### **G-Network**

The wayleave agreement with G-Network was signed on 28 June and mobilisation meetings have immediately re-started to get their installation programme underway. This update has

been added to the website and we have also advised residents who contacted the team through our email inbox [islingtonbroadband@islington.gov.uk](mailto:islingtonbroadband@islington.gov.uk) with enquiries about this provider.

### **Community Fibre**

We continue to work in partnership with Community Fibre and the delivery team continue to complete survey approvals (86 to date) and provide technical oversight of the installation works. Weekly mobilisation meetings continue. Community Fibre are building their network in the Tufnell Park area at present and once live, blocks with completed cabling in that locality will be able to connect to broadband services.

Installation works on the Andover Estate are being co-ordinated with programmed major works to take advantage of the scaffolding already in place and minimise disruption for residents and facilitate the cabling of an unattractive proposition for the service providers – Noll House is now cabled and Docura and Dibdin are to be cabled once scaffold has been agreed (anticipated late Autumn).

### **Hyperoptic**

The delivery team have approved surveys for 41 individual blocks submitted by Hyperoptic who are now fully mobilising their installation subcontractor. They have current works on site and planned works anticipated to commence in August and September.

### **BT Openreach**

No further communications have been received from BT Openreach

### **Financial Implications**

There are no known new financial implications associated with this report.

### **Legal Implications**

There are no known new legal implications associated with this report.

### **CARE Values**

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