



Northamptonshire County Council



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Ultrafast Broadband is coming soon!

Dear Chairman,

You may be aware of the Superfast Northamptonshire project, which is led by Northamptonshire County Council working with local partners including the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (Northants CALC). This aims to secure full superfast broadband coverage across the county.

Last year Northamptonshire County Council launched an open public procurement which was the latest stage of the project. This involved £6.8m of County Council and Government funding. The aim of this procurement was to secure solutions for parts of the county where superfast broadband is currently not available, or planned. This included either all or parts of your parish. Gigaclear, in competition with other suppliers, won both the geographical 'Lots' which were on offer.

Gigaclear's solution involves Fibre-to-the-premise (FTTP) technology. This is widely acknowledged as the optimum technology as it provides the fastest speeds and greatest reliability. It is often referred to as Ultrafast broadband as it offers faster speeds than Superfast broadband. Gigaclear's solution enables speeds of up to 1 Gigabit per second (Gbps). It also provides scope for scalability to meet future demands. This is important as it is predicted that demand for greater bandwidth, speeds and reliability will continue to grow at increased rates.

We are writing to you with the excellent news that Gigaclear's plans anticipate that the village of Whilton will be connected to ultrafast broadband. Modelling and planning work is already underway. In total, the deployment with Gigaclear will involve about 6,330 premises with deployment starting soon and the final premises connected by the end of 2018.

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Residents can use Gigaclear's postcode checker on '[Get Gigaclear](#)' and choose their premise from the drop down list. This confirms premises which are either part of the Superfast Northamptonshire roll out with Gigaclear, or their commercial plans. It is important to note that residents of these areas will have a choice of services once Gigaclear has built their FTTP network. They will still have the option to remain with their existing copper based broadband service or take up a new fibre service, allowing those that do not require better broadband to keep what they have today.

Please help us to spread the 'coming soon' message to residents in Whilton by posting this letter on your website and using your local networks in the community.

Northants CALC is a key partner which is helping to oversee and provide support to the project.

We anticipate that more details in terms of phasing for your village will be confirmed in June when the planning and survey work has been completed. We will write to you again at this stage. Please also note that plans can be subject to change if any unforeseen issues arise whilst the network build is being planned or underway.

In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about our plans with Gigaclear please see our [Progress Overview](#) and [Working with Gigaclear](#) page on our project website: www.superfastnorthamptonshire.net.

Superfast Northamptonshire is part of the Government's Superfast Britain programme.



Yours Sincerely



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