



ALYN SMITH MP
Member of the Westminster Parliament
Stirling Constituency



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Dear resident,

I've spoken with many local people around the Bannockburn and Eastern Villages area of the Stirling constituency, and a number of issues have been brought to my attention; one such being the quality of broadband services in the area. Through the lockdown period, many people have relied even more heavily on efficient broadband speeds just to be able to work safely from home. Our day to day lives are shaped by access to the internet in an ever increasing way.

I am therefore determined to see the Bannockburn and Eastern Villages area gain access to better, faster, and more reliable broadband services than it currently has.

As you may know Stirling became the UK's first Gigabit city in 2020 due to the fibre to the premises (FTTP) build provided by CityFibre. This connected 22,000 homes to their network and can provide a 1 gigabit per second (1,000 Mbps) through service providers Vodafone and TalkTalk. For many, this has meant a much faster and more reliable internet connection in their homes and businesses.

Having discussed this matter directly with CityFibre, I am pleased to confirm that, working in partnership with Stirling Council, they now intend to connect a further 8,000-9,000 additional homes in Dunblane, Cowie, Plean, Fallin and Throsk as well as expanding the fringes of Stirling's existing network area. It is my view that such infrastructure will bring a better quality of life to local residents in Bannockburn and the Eastern Villages, ensuring seamless access to online services and shopping, work responsibilities, streaming and gaming, as well as video calling family, friends, and colleagues.

To ensure that these plans go ahead you can show your support by visiting www.alynsmith.scot/wewantinternet and signing the petition. This will help to demonstrate local support for this investment.

As ever, if there is anything I can assist with, please do not hesitate to contact my office via the contact details below.

Yours aye,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Alyn Smith'.

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