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Gigabit Capable Connectivity in New Build Sites – Gigaclear Offer

Dear Oliver,

I am delighted to see that the Government's work to support the delivery of gigabit capable connectivity continues at pace. High speed connectivity is vital to modern life; now more so than ever. New homes should then be built with consideration of connectivity from the very beginning, not as an afterthought. Development of legislation to ensure that new build developments are not left behind in the rollout of gigabit capable broadband is then timely and has our full support.

Gigaclear's full fibre network already covers 130,000 rural premises, making us the UK's largest rural network operator after BT Openreach. With funding secured to expand that footprint to over 500,000 premises, we expect to increasingly encounter new build sites emerging in and around our rollout areas.

As part of the proposals around new build sites, we understand that developers will be required (where necessary) to contribute to the cost of providing gigabit capable connectivity to new developments, up to a cap of £2000. Prior to such a developer contribution, we would offer to provide connectivity to such new build properties at a contribution of up to £1000 per property.

Such an offer would be contingent on being able to have our ducting and chambers (or the developer's ducting and chambers which would be made available to us) installed prior to the surfacing of roads and coordinated with the installation of utilities. This is a critical requirement, as retrospective (post build) installation of network incurs significantly higher costs.

With many thanks,



Gareth Williams
Chief Executive