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Dear Kirsty,

Following OAQs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 I promised to write to you regarding your enquiry concerning the availability of superfast broadband provision to Llanwrthwl.

Officials have spoken with colleagues at BT Openreach who have confirmed that several cabinets and exchanges serve the village with varying levels of work undertaken to bring about connectivity on each.

Cabinet 3 on the Llandrindod Wells exchange which serves areas within the village is already enabled, providing superfast broadband speeds. Cabinet 2 on the Rhayader exchange, which also serves the village, is in the process of being upgraded with an expected completion date of May 2016. The area served by cabinet 3, also on the Rhayader exchange, is still under review as to which technology will best serve premises in facilitating fibre speed. It is anticipated that access to superfast broadband speeds will be available in late 2016.

As an alternative to waiting for roll-out to both cabinets 2 and 3 on the Rhayader exchange, residents of Llanwrthwl could also be eligible for assistance with superfast connectivity via our Access Broadband Cymru scheme.

This scheme provides grants to fund (or part-fund) the installation costs of new broadband connections for homes in Wales (It does not include monthly rental costs).

New connections through this scheme must deliver a step change in speed - with at least double current download speeds. The amount of funding received is dependent on the speed of the new connection. Further information on the scheme can be obtained by calling 0300 025 8897 or emailing [broadband@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:broadband@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carwyn Jones', written in a cursive style.

**CARWYN JONES**