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Dear Mr Rowlands,

PETITION P-05-793: 'Hi speed broadband to Llangenny village'

Thank you for your letter to Ed Hunt dated 25 January 2018, regarding broadband speeds in Llangenny Village (Petition P-05-793).

Overall, the Superfast Cymru programme has been a success with more premises than we anticipated in 2012 given access to superfast broadband. Openreach has also invested significantly more than originally planned, supporting a Welsh supply chain and creating over 300 new full-time roles.

To a great extent, the programme closed on 31 December 2017. Our plans change from time to time and unfortunately this has impacted Llangenny. I appreciate the frustrations associated with poor connectivity and at Openreach we wish to do more. The Welsh Government is already planning a successor project to extend fast, reliable broadband. The UK Government has also outlined plans to introduce a universal minimum speed broadband service and there are schemes like our Community Fibre Partnerships (CFP) programme for those people that aren't prepared to wait. Grants are also available from Welsh Government to help fund such schemes. Openreach would be very glad to work with the Llangenny community on this.

Yours sincerely,

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Cc Ed Hunt, Director NGA Wales and West