

I'm sorry to hear the community are not yet connected to fibre broadband. I appreciate this is an in-demand service and I can understand their frustration.

I've spoken with our fibre project manager for the area and sadly at this time there are no plans to extend a fibre service to properties here.

There had been plans under the NyNet BDUK programme to deliver full fibre to properties here. This is a publicly funded programme aiming to deliver fibre services in areas where there are no commercial plans.

While some initial works were carried out in the area, sadly as the project developed costs to deliver the main fibre spine cable from the exchange became an issue. Projects like this run on finite resources and sadly the difficult decision had to be taken to withdraw the project from the programme. The NyNet contract has currently closed and there are no plans to return.

However, separately, our commercial roll out is moving at pace. Our long term strategy is to deliver ultrafast Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) across the UK as part of our Fibre First programme. This is the latest full fibre technology with fibre cables run right into the property, supporting speeds up to 1GB.

Currently 6 million homes and businesses are now within reach of FTTP, with a new premises being covered every 13 seconds. This gives you an indication of the pace of delivery.

Our ambition is to reach 25 million premises by the end of 2026, providing the most comprehensive, futureproof network in the UK.

The roll out is based on exchange areas. When an exchange is picked up, we'll roll out FTTP to the vast majority of premises within the boundary. Currently, Barningham exchange is not in our plans. However, as we move forward more exchanges will be brought into the programme. My advice to residents would be to periodically review our website below for the latest roll out news: www.openreach.co.uk

More exchanges are being added regularly, another 113 areas have been picked up within the last two weeks, so there is likely to be better news for the community at some point.

I'm genuinely sorry I don't have an immediate solution for residents, however I hope they find this information concerning our long term plans useful. If you need anything further, please get in touch with me.

