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Dear John

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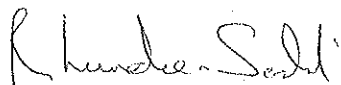
Thank you for submitting your Local Broadband Plan to Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK).

I am writing to confirm that BDUK has approved your plan. This is on the understanding that BDUK's funding will be at least matched by other public funding. Your project's target will be to achieve 90% superfast broadband coverage, with download speeds greater than 24Mbps, and universal standard broadband with at least 2 Mbps.

We also anticipate that your project will be procured through a mini-competition for a call-off contract from the Broadband Delivery Framework and that you will seek State Aid approval through the BDUK National Broadband State Aid Competency Centre. We will expect that BDUK will be represented on the Project Board. The DCMS funding will be committed through a grant agreement which we will agree at the point when you sign a contract with a broadband network supplier.

You will now need to complete the work to prepare your project for procurement, which we hope you will be able to commence shortly. Before you do so, you will need to complete the pre-procurement tasks set out in the Call Off toolkit. The bidders will also need to have capacity to deal with your procurement. BDUK will work with you to help you manage the process and will provide feedback on progress as necessary

Regards



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