

Broadband Update May 2018

Progress has been disappointingly slow, and previously offered completion dates have again all been missed. Open Reach have had further delays with the Raughton Head 4 cabinet serving Sebergham and Churchtown which still does not have the fibre connection to the exchange which is required. We are informed that work will now start on installing the fibre in the last week in May, with the target to have the cabinet accepting orders by the end of June.

The planned cabinet to serve Welton is part of a change request that is not yet in the BT/CC contract, and before this can be enacted it will require approval from BDUK. They have currently rejected the application for this change in Welton (and in a number of other parishes) because they are engaged in a national dispute with BT. Resolution of this is outside the control of CC, who claim to be doing all they can to facilitate a solution, although they expect these debates will delay deployment by at least 3 months, probably until towards the end of 2019.

Rory Stewart MP has been briefed on the current situation and shares our concerns that these delays are unacceptable. He will be writing to all relevant parties asking for explanations of the delays, and for urgent action to be taken to deliver improved broadband within the Parish.