

Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government

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Dear Mike,

I am writing in response to the question you raised with the Minister for Economy and Transport during Plenary on 26 February relating to fibre broadband provision in Baglan.

I am sorry to hear of the concerns you have raised regarding access to superfast broadband at Baglan Energy Park. I can appreciate how poor connectivity can impact business operations, particularly as this is a relatively new and growing business park.

My officials have looked at the connectivity issues at the Park, and can see that although many of the premises were enabled for superfast broadband during the original Superfast Cymru project, other premises may still be without access to a fast, reliable connection. Officials have added that lower cost Ethernet is generally available at the Park, with Virgin media and Vodafone also operating in the general area.

We have a range of interventions in place for those businesses still without access to a superfast connection, and although the Park is not included in our new fibre roll out with BT, there are alternative options constituents may want to consider. It would be useful if you could forward a list of the affected businesses, together with names and contact numbers to my Technical Relationship Manager, Mr Peter Williams at <u>Peter.Williams2@gov.wales</u>, who will be happy to look into the matter and help identify a suitable solution.

In the meantime, if you have any further queries, please get in touch and my officials will be happy to try and assist.

Yours sincerely

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