



Gigaclear
Ultrafast Fibre Broadband



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Please ask for: Tom Smith
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BY EMAIL

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Ultrafast Broadband is coming soon!

Dear Chairman,

You may be aware of the Superfast Northamptonshire project, which is led by Northamptonshire County Council working with local partners including the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (Northants CALC). This aims to secure full superfast broadband coverage across the county.

We are writing to you with the excellent news that Hinton_In_The_Hedges will be connected to ultrafast broadband through Northamptonshire County Council's partnership with Gigaclear. Modelling and planning work is already underway. In total, the deployment with Gigaclear will involve about 6,330 premises with deployment already started and the final premises connected by the end of 2018.

Residents will be able to use Gigaclear's postcode checker shortly on '[Get Gigaclear](#)' and choose their premise from the drop down list. This confirms premises which are either part of the Superfast Northamptonshire roll out with Gigaclear, or their commercial plans. It is important to note that residents of these areas will have a choice of services once Gigaclear has built their FTTP network. They will still have the option to remain with their existing copper based broadband service or take up a new fibre service, allowing those that do not require better broadband to keep what they have today.

Gigaclear's solution involves Fibre-to-the-premise (FTTP) technology. This is widely acknowledged as the optimum technology as it provides the fastest speeds and greatest reliability. It is often referred to as Ultrafast broadband as it offers faster speeds than Superfast broadband. Gigaclear's solution enables speeds of up to 1 Gigabit per second (Gbps). It also provides scope for scalability to meet future demands. This is important as it is predicted that demand for greater bandwidth, speeds and reliability will continue to grow at increased rates.

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Please help us to spread the 'coming soon' message to residents in Hinton_In_The_Hedges by posting this letter on your website and using your local networks in the community.

Northants CALC is a key partner which is helping to oversee and provide support to the project.

We anticipate that more details in terms of phasing for your village will be confirmed in November when the planning and survey work has been completed. We will write to you again at this stage. Please also note that plans can be subject to change if any unforeseen issues arise whilst the network build is being planned or underway.

In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about our plans with Gigaclear please see our [Progress Overview](#) and [Working with Gigaclear](#) page on our project website: www.superfastnorthamptonshire.net.

Superfast Northamptonshire is part of the Government's Superfast Britain programme.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Smith', is positioned below the 'Yours Sincerely' text.

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