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Dame Meg Hillier MP
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Dear Dame Meg Hillier MP,

I am writing to inform you, as Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, that Building Digital UK (BDUK) has recently published its [Corporate Plan 2023 - 2026](#). Printed copies of the report will be made available in the libraries of both houses.

You will recall from our previous engagement that we have committed to publishing yearly updates on the delivery profile for Project Gigabit. Our Corporate Plan sets out the delivery profile to 2025 and we will publish our trajectory to 2030 separately later in the summer.

The Corporate Plan sets out BDUK's key objectives, milestones and measures to:

- Deliver gigabit-capable connectivity to premises outside suppliers' commercial rollout plans
- Improve mobile internet connectivity by delivering the Shared Rural Network
- Make BDUK a great place to work, inspiring and empowering our people to perform at their best
- Provide excellent financial management, supported by strong governance and risk frameworks
- Develop practical digital solutions to solve our delivery challenges and transform how we use data

As you are aware, BDUK has committed to delivering gigabit-capable broadband to more than 1.5 million premises in hard-to-reach parts of the UK by the end of 2025, and then go further to support the government's target of nationwide gigabit-capable broadband by 2030. The Shared Rural Network aims to extend 4G coverage to 95% of UK landmass by the end of 2025, and further coverage improvements in more hard-to-reach areas will continue to be delivered until the start of 2027.



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We have made an excellent start. Over 76% of UK premises are now able to access a gigabit-capable connection, up from just 6% in January 2019. 4G coverage is up to over 92%, and there has been a reduction in not spots across Wales and Scotland as the early impact of the Shared Rural Network has taken effect.

I also wanted to take the opportunity to share the latest '[Project Gigabit progress update: June 2023](#)'. It highlights a number of recently awarded contracts and provides an update on our delivery pipeline for the rest of the UK. It also references the announcement of an £8 million fund to provide satellite connectivity to 35,000 very hard to reach premises.

I hope that this update is helpful for you and all members of the Public Accounts Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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