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*Dear Theresa*

I write further to an exchange I have had with Richard Ellis, Chief Executive of South Northamptonshire District Council, about the superfast broadband rollout in South Northamptonshire. I enclose copies of these letters for reference.

As you will note, I had asked Richard what we might do locally to support communities that are still without access to superfast broadband, and he has outlined the Gigabit Broadband Vouchers available through the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

I know how hard your Superfast Northamptonshire team is working to accelerate the rollout of super- and ultrafast broadband, and I recognise the efforts of Sarah Naylor, Programme Overview Manager, in particular.

I do note however from Richard's letter that the current status of coverage within South Northamptonshire is 95.69 per cent of premises have access to superfast broadband (>24 Mbps) and 25.29 per cent have access to ultrafast broadband.

Given that your county-wide targets are 99 per cent access to superfast and 65 per cent access to ultrafast by the end of March 2021, could I ask what work is underway to ensure that South Northamptonshire – due to its rural nature – achieves these targets?

If there is anything I can do to support the work being done by your Superfast Northants team, please do let me know.

With best wishes,

*Andrea*

The Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom MP  
Member of Parliament for South Northamptonshire

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Cc: Richard Ellis

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