

## Christopher Pincher MP: Superfast broadband arriving in rural Staffordshire

Tamworth's surrounding villages in Lichfield District are on track to get the superfast broadband they need to help deliver jobs and boost growth after the EU gave the roll out of high speed broadband across rural areas the green light. Thanks to the efficient work of Staffordshire County Council rolling out rural broadband to county villages, Clifton Campville is one of the first villages to benefit from this superfast service.

Commenting, local MP Christopher Pincher said:

"This is great news for Staffordshire. Britain is in a global race and we cannot allow rural areas like Clifton Campville, Thorpe Constantine and areas close to Wigginton to be left behind because of poor internet infrastructure. Staffordshire will now get the infrastructure to match its aspiration, providing local people and local businesses with the tools they need to get on and prosper."

"It also demonstrates how much Conservatives in the Government want to support the rural economy. Rural broadband is part and parcel of our long term economic plan. We must strain every sinew to help create growth, jobs and future prosperity"

Superfast Staffordshire is a partnership between Staffordshire County Council, BT and the Government's Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) programme, enabling more than 88,000 homes and businesses " in mainly rural areas - to access high-speed broadband.

The combined investment from Superfast Staffordshire, BT's and other private sector programmes will mean 95% of homes and businesses across the county will have access to superfast broadband by spring 2016.