

NBG Report for KCC Meeting 19 Dec 2018

There have been no changes to the connectivity of premises in Killearn this month. The only visible progress being some additional ducting being run in Drumbeg Loan downhill from the cabinet towards the A81.

The main progress seems to have been in Fintry, where the work on cabinet 2 opposite the exchange has been completed and the majority of premises in the centre of the village are now Accepting Orders. Cabinet 3 at the Kirk is not yet live but is supposed to be ready this month. The location of cabinet 1 (if it exists) remains unknown. There are some anomalies showing up in that not all premises on an otherwise enabled postcode are shown as Accepting Orders. The Sports Club is a notable example.

The Drymen cabinet (P4 within Buchanan Castle estate) is still in the process of 'Being Activated' and has been joined by cabinet P6, which is supposed to be live in Jan 2019. Some premises within Buchanan Castle Estate have recently been connected by FTTP using a different cabinet. Other premises, adjoining ones already Accepting Orders, also seem to have been re-connected so that they too are Accepting Orders. There also seems to have been a review of which premises are associated with some postcodes as shown by the Where and When checker. No changes for Croftamie.

For the Balfron exchange, several more premises have moved from Exploring Solutions to be In Scope for FTTP especially those at Balfron Station where fibre cables have been fitted alongside traditional wiring. Again, there also seems to have been a review of which premises are associated with some postcodes, that has removed some duplication and other errors.

Some Buchlyvie premises at G63 0QU are now Accepting Orders having been connected by FTTP.

Remember you can check the status of your own premises by using the WhereandWhen page available either through the BT Openreach website (www.homeandbusiness.openreach.co.uk/fibre-broadband/when-can-i-get-fibre) or the equivalent Digital Scotland website (www.scotlandsuperfast.com/check-my-area).

The latest status of cabinets in each of the villages is shown overleaf:

- **Cabinet status summary:**

- Balfron cabinets: 2 live (P1 at G63 0LH & P3 at G63 0NA) plus a further 2 planned down from 3 last month). P5 supposedly Being Activated and to be live by Nov 2018 and P7 in Field Survey to be live by July 2019, but locations unknown;
- Balmaha cabinets: there are still no cabinets shown as being planned;
- Blane/Strathblane cabinets: 3 live (P1 cabinet at Netherblane; P2 cabinet at G63 9BY, and P3 cabinet showing as Field Survey, location unknown, but now supposedly live). Cabinet PE1, location unknown, now live. All the village is now connected to fibre;
- Buchlyvie cabinets: P2 cabinet at FK8 3LP is live and services most of the village. Only 1 additional cabinet (P4) is now showing, but location unknown, in Field Survey and apparently planned for Mar 2019;
- Croftamie cabinets: P2 live (at G63 OEP between village and A811 junction to Balloch). Cabinet P5, on the corner of Buchanan Cres and the A809, is apparently live and been available since Dec 2017;
- Drymen cabinets: 3 live (P1 at G63 0BY, and P3 at G63 0BD). Also P4 (at Buchanan Castle Gdns in the Castle Estate at G63 0HT), is 'Being Activated' and is still shown as being Live by Nov 2018. This should have gone live in Feb 2018. Planning permission has been sought for a cabinet at G63 0BH that is possibly a cabinet listed as P6 (but location unknown) which is now 'Being Activated and supposedly to be live by Jan 2019;
- Fintry cabinets: 2 cabinets are now listed. P3 opposite the church on the Crow Road expected to be live this month and P2 at the exchange that should be live by Jan 2019. Maybe these numbers are inverted as P2 is now live. Meanwhile 4G now available from the mobile masts may provide an immediate solution for many premises, especially those furthest outside the village itself;
- Killearn cabinets: 4 cabinets are live (E1 at Blane Smithy), E3 (at jn of Station Rd and Gartness Rd), P1 (beside Exchange) and P2 (at the junction of The Square and Crosshead Rd). Cabinet P3 has appeared halfway down Drumbeg Loan listed as 'Being Connected', to be live by Feb 2019;
- Milton of Buchanan – see Balmaha above.

Note that the reliability of dates shown is uncertain, as are the specific locations, which refer to the often large areas within a single rural postcode. You can check your own situation using the BT Openreach WhereandWhen website.

Note: the stages in “the Fibre Journey” are:

Exploring Solutions, In scope, Design, Field Survey, Build, Connect, Activate, Accepting Orders.

The timescale for “the journey” is likely to be about 12-18 months.

Status ‘refinements’:

Exploring Solutions: We're working with government and industry to explore ways to bring Superfast fibre to as many people as possible but don't have a plan for your area yet. You might consider co-funding fibre access in your community. Knowing there's a healthy demand in your area can also really help.

In Scope: You're in a plan to get Superfast fibre but we haven't started work yet. It'll be built either as part of our fibre programme or through a partnership with your local authority.

In scope – FTTP: Your area is currently in our plans to be upgraded with Fibre to the Premises (FTTP), however we follow a different design and build process for FTTP so you won't see updates at each stage. Once the engineering work is completed there is a commissioning period of up to eight weeks before an order can be placed. When you are able to place an order you will see the Accepting Orders message.

Accepting Orders but line Too Long: Your cabinet is enabled for Superfast fibre however you're not able to order fibre just yet. This might be because the length of the line is too long to get Superfast speeds. We're actively looking at other options.

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