

## Mark puts broadband on Government agenda

Broadband problems in MK have been put on the Government's agenda by a city MP.

On Thursday Mark Lancaster asked for a debate on the issue after being contacted by many constituents unable to access decent internet speeds.

The Milton Keynes North MP welcomed the Government's national review of broadband but asked Ministers to consider the specific problems in his constituency, citing the city's 1970s infrastructure.

Leader of the House Sir George Young MP said: "I think he makes a strong case for a debate on rural broadband."

So far Mr Lancaster has had several meetings with organisations proposing solutions, which he intends to explore and raise with the Government.

After Business Questions he said: "We have a unique problem in Milton Keynes. It isn't only rural areas that are affected – even residents on the newest estates are unable to access broadband. Though I welcome the superfast broadband being rolled out by BT Openreach, it is clear this does not go far enough. We are a modern, dynamic city – we need this essential, 21st Century utility. I intend to continue to press for action."