

Broadband Funding Boost

Milton Keynes will receive substantial funding to provide superfast broadband speed and over the next couple of years Â£3.18million will be allocated to support homeowners, schools, businesses and the like.

The Department of Culture, Media and Sport has just announced that there will be an allocation of an extra Â£250 million to English local authorities, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to extend superfast broadband coverage to 95% of the UK by 2017.

This investment is a central part of the long-term economic plan, providing the infrastructure needed to help secure Britain's future by creating more jobs and ensuring small business has the backing it needs.

Superfast broadband coverage in the UK is already higher than in Germany, Italy, Spain and France and the Government's current investment is already delivering superfast upgrades to more than 10,000 more homes and businesses each week, set to rise to 40,000 premises per week by the summer. This additional investment will take the UK even further adding over a million more premises to the roll out.

Mark said "This investment will be welcome in Milton Keynes. MK is a growing city with new businesses arriving every year and this will only serve to encourage further development.

I also have a number of constituents who are unhappy with their current broadband speeds and hopefully this investment will mean that it is not just businesses that benefit from this investment"