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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 15 November regarding Petition P-05-793 and the availability of fast broadband to Llangenny village.

I can confirm Powys falls within Lot 2, for which the tender exercise is still ongoing. I aim to announce the successful bidder as soon as the process allows.

My statement regarding the first premises being connected by the end of 2019 does refer to those included in Lots 1 and 3, however, we will do our very best to ensure that Lot 2 is working to a similar timetable, that said I cannot confirm any details until the delivery partner has been chosen and announced.

Once the grant agreement has been awarded, my officials will work with the successful delivery partner to identify the exact premises which will benefit from the rollout. A new online presence is being prepared for the suite of interventions needed to roll out faster broadband across Wales. Constituents will be able to check online whether their premises are scheduled to be completed under the project or if another intervention would be more suitable. This facility will be available over the coming months.

Financial assistance continues to be available to homes and businesses to secure a superfast broadband connection via the Access Broadband Cymru (ABC) scheme. Further information regarding the scheme can be obtained by calling 0300 025 8887 or emailing broadband@gov.wales.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

In addition, support may be available from the UK Government's Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme. Gigabit vouchers can be used by small businesses and the local communities surrounding them to contribute to the installation cost of a gigabit capable connection. Businesses can claim up to £2,500 against the cost of connection either individually or as part of a group project. Residents can benefit from the scheme with a voucher worth £500 as part of a group project. Further information is available at <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'J' and 'J'.

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