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Dear Mr Saunders,

Thank you for your correspondence of 23 January regarding delays to the Fibre Community Project in Abbots Ann, Monxton and Amport.. I am responding as a member of the Ministerial Support Team and sincerely apologies for the delay in you receiving a response.

Building Digital UK (BDUK) is the executive agency responsible for delivering Project Gigabit, the government's £5 billion mission to deliver gigabit-capable broadband to UK premises that are not included in suppliers' commercial plans.

BDUK officials have investigated your case and contacted Openreach directly for an update. The Openreach reference for your project is OR12306 and Openreach have advised that build for this project has been extended due to the volume of civil engineering interventions required to rollout the project. These interventions have required multiple notices and traffic management.

Openreach have advised that a further 42 premises will be connected through this project over the next few weeks.

Following this, a further intervention is required which is noticed for 14 June. However, this is currently being escalated to attempt to bring this date forward. Overall, Openreach has suggested that build for your project should complete by July.

The Openreach regional community team have advised they will be contacting your community to discuss this project in due course. We hope they can answer any additional questions you may have.

Thank you again for your correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Jenkins  
**Ministerial Support Team**

