

UPDATE ON FIBRE BROADBAND

Last October Gigaclear announced there were significant delays to the roll out of their fibre network in the Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) region.

In November CDS/Gigaclear issued a joint stakeholder briefing. The briefing explained the reasons for the delays and the actions which were being taken. Please see the following link.

<https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/The-Gigaclear-contracts-with-CDS..pdf>

The briefing note explains that Gigaclear had provided proposals, but that it had not yet provided enough detail to demonstrate a credible approach is in place. CDS continues to withhold payment to Gigaclear. The company remains on notice of default, while more work is undertaken to fully develop a final set of plans.

In other words, don't hold your breath! In the meantime, if anyone is anxious to improve their broadband, there are some options. Most contracts are limited (e.g. to 18 months) so an alternative to the Gigaclear fibre broadband could potentially be a good interim (and even long-term) solution. For more information, contact Clive or Maurice.

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