

# Charleston superfast broadband journey is on track. *by Tekena Fubara*

**The Openreach site when checked with Charleston area post-codes and addresses states that progress is at the stage of ‘Field Survey’ (see <https://www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk/when-can-i-get-fibre.aspx>). The good news is that a number of steps have therefore been completed, including the ‘Design’ stage encompassing the development of the blueprint for the superfast broadband.**

The key stages on how the superfast broadband will evolve can be found on <https://www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk/when-can-i-get-fibre/fibre-journey.aspx#build>.

The stage of Field Survey implies that they are ready to start physical work in the community, and new equipment and cables are about to

be installed. This stage may result in traffic diversions and disruptions, and it is on this note that tempo will need to be maintained with BT. This is due to the fact that the City Council will typically require a month’s application/notice for any planned road disruption/diversion.

There have been cases where mis-communication between a council and the network provider in trying to secure a road diversion notice have resulted in mis-alignment of plans and non-completion of work.

Clr Flynn recently got circulated a confirmation note from BT at the start of this year to state that they are on track to deliver to Charleston.

The next anticipated stage for Charleston is the ‘Build’ stage, and here we expect to see the commencement of physical work in the area. Although this has been a long-drawn event, and should have been implemented long before, it is comforting to know that progress is being made.