

Charleston Superfast Broadband

It was good news for the residents of Charleston, Cove as finally, there is a glimpse of the installation of superfast broadband in sight. After a hard-worn campaign by the community, Charleston is now due to receive fibre optic internet by the end of March 2017, as announced by BT.

The online petition raised by Cove and Altens Community Council, launched to gather support to get the upgrade of services at Charleston received 250 signatures, while Cove, Kincorth and Nigg Councillor Stephen Flynn surveyed the views of residents with 59 people responding. The findings from the survey by Cllr Flynn were that over 98% wanted the fast service to be

available, while 88% were happy to pay more for the fibre optic broadband.

These feedbacks were then taken to BT by Cllr Flynn, where they stated that: *“I appreciate the needs of fibre broadband for the residents of the Charleston housing development in Aberdeen.*

“Cabinet 47 – connected to Aberdeen Kincorth exchange – which serves the housing development is part of our commercial plan to be upgraded. “I have spoken with our project manager for the area who has confirmed that it should be upgraded by the end of March 2017 – barring any unforeseen complications.”

This means that in 6 months, Charleston residents would no longer suffer from the extremely slow speed of their internet.

Thanks to all those who supported the campaign and to those who responded.