Significant changes to the CSW Broadband Maps and Data

CSW Broadband have recently carried out a complete review of all of the data that underpins their website and mapping. Before going out to tender for Contract 3, they were required to carry out an Open Market Review, which meant that they requested all of the commercial broadband providers service plans up to the end of 2019. This is because, as a publicly funded project, CSW Broadband obviously cannot spend money where there is already planned superfast broadband provision.

The 2018 review has just been completed, and this has resulted in some very significant changes in proposed coverage across the area. For instance, ITS had originally planned to cover a very large area of south Warwickshire with wireless broadband. However, the business has undergone a restructure and has new management in place. The focus of the business is now on fibre rollouts, and ITS now considers wireless as an infill measure rather than the only available solution. This means that the business case that they used to develop their original response to the Open Market Review has changed considerably and, as a result, the latest return from this company has released much of the area that they had originally planned to cover.

Other businesses have either increased or decreased coverage areas. For the first time, CSW Broadband are able to identify some of the providers, where they have given permission for this to happen, which means that if your property is due to be covered then you may now be able to contact the provider directly for updates.

Both the <u>property checker</u>, which gives text details about the status of a property, and the <u>latest</u> map are available at <u>www.cswbroadband.org.uk</u>