

# Digital Connectivity Statement

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## Background

- 1.1 This digital connectivity statement relates to the redevelopment of an existing residential site at 5 Rainsough Brow, Prestwich under application reference 69163. The application was validated by Bury Council in April 2023. The proposed development site already has extant approval for 4 no dwellings without garages under planning permission number 65170, which was approved in September 2020.
- 1.2 Following the submission of the application Bury Council have since adopted The Places for Everyone (PfE) joint development plan in March 2024 and as such further information is required to comply. One such statement relates to the digital connectivity of the proposed development.

## Policy

- 2.1 Place for everyone (PfE) is a joint DPD covering 9 of Greater Manchester's districts including Bury. This special plan allows the district to continue to progress the strategic policies set out in Greater Manchester Spatial Framework 2020. Maximise the use of sustainable urban/brown field land and align with the wider Greater Manchester strategies connecting each district and creating a cohesive community across Greater Manchester.
- 2.2 Policy JP-C2: Digital Connectivity within the PfE states the following *'We support the provision of affordable, high quality, digital infrastructure. In making decisions we will support a range of measures, including: Requiring all new development to have full fibre to premises connections, unless technically infeasible and/or unviable, and to incorporate multiple ducting compliant with telecoms standards, to facilitate future-proof gigabit capable network connections. It is expected that internet connections will be operational and immediately accessible to network providers when occupiers move into new properties'*.

## The Proposals

- 3.1 While the site is located within Greenbelt, it is currently a residential property, 5 Rainsough Brow, Prestwich with good connection to the local area.
- 3.2 Checks on Openreach's website ([Fibre Checker \(openreach.com\)](https://openreach.com)) indicate that Ultrafast Full Fibre Broadband is available for the site with download speeds of up to 1800Mbps and upload speeds of 120Mbps.

3.3 Ultrafast Full Fire is a direct fibre connection from Openreach's exchange straight into homes using fibre optic cable that use light instead of electric signals. This allows them to be durable, weather resistant with data travelling through them at almost lightspeed.

3.4 The proposed 4no dwellings will be connected into this Ultrafast Full Fibre Broadband in compliance with telecom standards, to facilitate the longevity of these digital connections for the benefit of the future owners of the proposed dwellings.