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Introduction

Watson are submitting a planning application for the development of 62 apartments across two blocks at the site formerly known as “Spurr House, Unsworth”. The development will deliver high performance gigabit capable broadband infrastructure to all dwellings.

Digital Infrastructure

Openreach infrastructure will be installed to the development, this will feature Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) services which will enable residents to access internet packages capable of 1Gbps download and upload, subject to their chosen providers offering. Every dwelling has its own dedicated fibre connection and Watson will install all internal wiring prior to occupation.

Where it is available within the area, Watson’s policy is to install Virgin Media to each development. The postcode checker service for Virgin Media shows that their provision is available in this location. As such, residents will also be able to access internet packages up to 1Gbps via the Virgin Media network. Watson will install all internal wiring prior to occupation.

Performance and Future Proofing

Watson will work with Openreach and Virgin Media to coordinate and secure all necessary wayleaves and agreements to comply with the Electronic Communications Code, we will design the network in such a way to include ducting infrastructure for future upgrades.

Within the individual properties we will provide all internal infrastructure including Openreach ONT and Virgin ITB connections, as well as internal Cat 6 network cabling to distribute the internet connection around the property, consistent with Digital Connectivity Portal recommendations.

Affordability, Accessibility and Choice

Our approach to digital connectivity at this development will provide residents with multiple high speed networks, this approach will provide the maximum range of service provider choice to the residents allowing them to choose competitive packages and robust service reliability. Residents will not incur any set up fees associated with delivering services to their property as Watson will undertake all infrastructure installation, this means that no additional cost will be passed onto residents beyond their chosen subscription fees.

Policy Compliance

Our approach to Digital Connectivity at this development ensures full compliance with Places for Everyone (Policy JP-C2) and Bury Council Planning Policies. In summary, it ensures:

- Full fibre gigabit capable connectivity via Openreach FTTP is provided;
- Secondary cable gigabit capable services via Virgin Media will be available;
- A future proofed infrastructure solution is provided that provides long term certainty of Digital Connectivity to residents.