

Digital Connectivity Statement

Parkhills Garage, Manchester Road, Bury (May 2026)

Introduction

This statement accompanies a full planning application for the development of two Class E commercial units and associated works at the Parkhills Garage site, Bury. It outlines how the proposal will support and provide access to high-quality digital infrastructure in accordance with Policy JP-C2 ('Digital Connectivity') of the Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan.

Broadband Infrastructure

The development will be served by Openreach, who have confirmed that the site can currently be served by "fibre to the cabinet" broadband. Fibre to the cabinet speeds of up to 76 Mbps for download and 15 Mbps for upload are available. A full application will be made to Openreach in due course and the necessary ducting and connection points will be installed at the groundwork stage.

Implementation is expected to include:

- Installation of ducting and connection points during groundwork.
- Co-ordination with Openreach to align infrastructure deployment with construction phases.
- Provision of access points in each unit to facilitate broadband connectivity.

If gigabit connectivity cannot be achieved immediately due to provider limitations or location constraints, interim measures will be implemented such as superfast broadband to ensure future occupiers have reliable internet services. Ducts and termination points will be installed to support readiness for full fibre broadband. Secure server rooms and network cabinets can be provided within building designs where required.

Mobile Connectivity

Ofcom coverage mapping shows the site has good coverage from all four of the UK's main mobile networks (EE, Vodafone, 3 and O2) with performance scores of at least 75% across the BL9 postal district. This includes 5G coverage. Future users of the application site will be able to benefit from these good levels of mobile connectivity. The provision of public Wi-Fi will be a matter for unit operators who may wish to make it available in public areas.