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Dear Dame Meg Hillier,

I am writing to inform you, as Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, that Building Digital UK (BDUK), now an Executive Agency of the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, published its latest <u>Project Gigabit delivery update</u> earlier this week.

As you know, Project Gigabit's objective is to deliver fast, reliable broadband across the UK. The newly created Department for Science, Innovation and Technology will focus on positioning the UK at the forefront of global scientific and technological advancement, and the rollout of gigabit-capable broadband plays a key part in this.

In this update we report that £1 billion of Project Gigabit's funding is now available to suppliers, through signed contracts and live procurements. It is a sign of the progress we are making, and the report provides a further update on our pipeline of procurements, enabling you to see our progress towards our 2025 targets and beyond.

The progress report also highlights BDUK's work with National Parks England, Openreach and Trenches Law to agree an <u>accord</u> which will enable efficient gigabit-capable rollout while protecting beautiful landscapes across the UK.

I hope that this information is helpful to you and all members of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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