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# **Leicestershire County Council**

## **Public Consultation for the extension to the existing contract to further extend coverage of Next Generation Access (NGA) Broadband across Leicestershire**

### **PUBLIC REVIEW CONSULTATION – CLOSURE NOTE**

#### **1. Outcome of the Public Review**

Leicestershire County Council launched a Public Review on 17th May 2021 for the extension of the existing contract to enable further coverage of Next Generation Access (NGA) Broadband across Leicestershire. Leicestershire County Council intends to target some of these NGA White areas to extend its plans with BT through the current contract. The public consultation enabled all interested stakeholders – the public, businesses, and telecommunications providers – to comment on the proposed NGA white areas which could be targeted by this further investment before further coverage is confirmed. The proposed Change Request that will extend plans to increase coverage through the current contract is utilising funds that have already been declared in the initial procurement and will be funded from the original contract value funding. No additional funding is being applied.

The final maps for Next Generation Access (NGA) Broadband and Basic Broadband are shown below and are available on the district Council's website.

## 2. Timescales

The following table summarises the indicative timescales for the Change request:

Activity	Date
Issue of Contract Change Request to Openreach by LCC	Dec 2020
Openreach Change Impact Assessment submission to LCC for Assurance & Review	April 2021
Completion of Assurance & Clarifications, and submission to BDUK	June 2021
BDUK Assurance & Approvals	July-Aug 2021
Change Request sign-off by LCC, BDUK & Openreach	Aug 2021

## 3. Revised State Aid Maps

The following criteria have been used to determine the classification of areas into Basic Broadband and NGA White/Grey/Black areas respectively:

For basic broadband,

- All premises in the Overall Geographic Area (OGA) are assumed to have access to a basic broadband service either through existing suppliers or through a request for subsidy for the installation of a service under the Better Broadband scheme.

For NGA,

- A postcode is classified as NGA white if it contains premises without any broadband infrastructure operator providing NGA services (supporting minimum speeds of at least 30Mbps).
- A postcode is turned grey if there are premises where only one broadband infrastructure operator is providing NGA services (supporting minimum speeds of at least 30Mbps).
- A postcode is turned black if there are at least two broadband infrastructure operators providing NGA services (supporting minimum speeds of at least 30Mbps) to all premises in that postcode.

In addition, the proposed Intervention Area includes “under review” areas (coloured blue on the map). These areas are those where qualifying NGA broadband infrastructure provider plans are at risk of not being delivered, or where there is uncertainty in the specific coverage and premises to be served. These areas will be subject to continued monitoring and

verification of supplier plans, and in the event that these plans are not delivered, these premises will be re-mapped as White.

The mapping analysis of existing and concretely planned coverage (within the next 3 years) has identified remaining ‘white NGA’ areas. The outcome of the Public Review is summarised below in terms of NGA White, Grey, Black and “under review” premises in NGA White, Grey, Black and “under review” postcodes.

Postcode NGA Classification	Total number of postcodes	NGA Black premises	NGA Grey premises	NGA Under Review premises	NGA White premises
<b>White</b>	1,112	8,734	11,353	2,767	11,108
<b>Under review</b>	1,226	285	3,033	19,050	-
<b>Grey</b>	3,534	41,384	40,064	-	-
<b>Black</b>	1,901	43,107	-	-	-

Table 1 - NGA Classification summary by postcode

The OGA for the change request covers west Leicestershire, encompassing postcodes and premises within the boundary of the districts of North West Leicestershire, Blaby, Hinckley and Bosworth and Charnwood. The Intervention Area includes 11,108 NGA White premises, however there are an additional 21,817 Under Review premises that could potentially be brought into scope of the procurement if plans are not completed and confirmed by the monitoring team.

All premises in the district are believed to have access to a Basic Broadband service through existing commercial operators. The following table summarises the outcome of the Open Market Review in terms of White, Grey and Black postcodes and premises for Basic Broadband:

Postcodes status	Number of black premises	Number of grey premises	Number of white premises
<b>Black postcodes</b>	0	0	0
<b>Grey postcodes</b>	0	7,773	0
<b>White postcodes</b>	0	0	0

Table 2 - BB Classification summary by postcode

#### 4. Public Review Maps

The Public review maps for the Intervention Area are shown below for NGA Broadband and Basic Broadband respectively

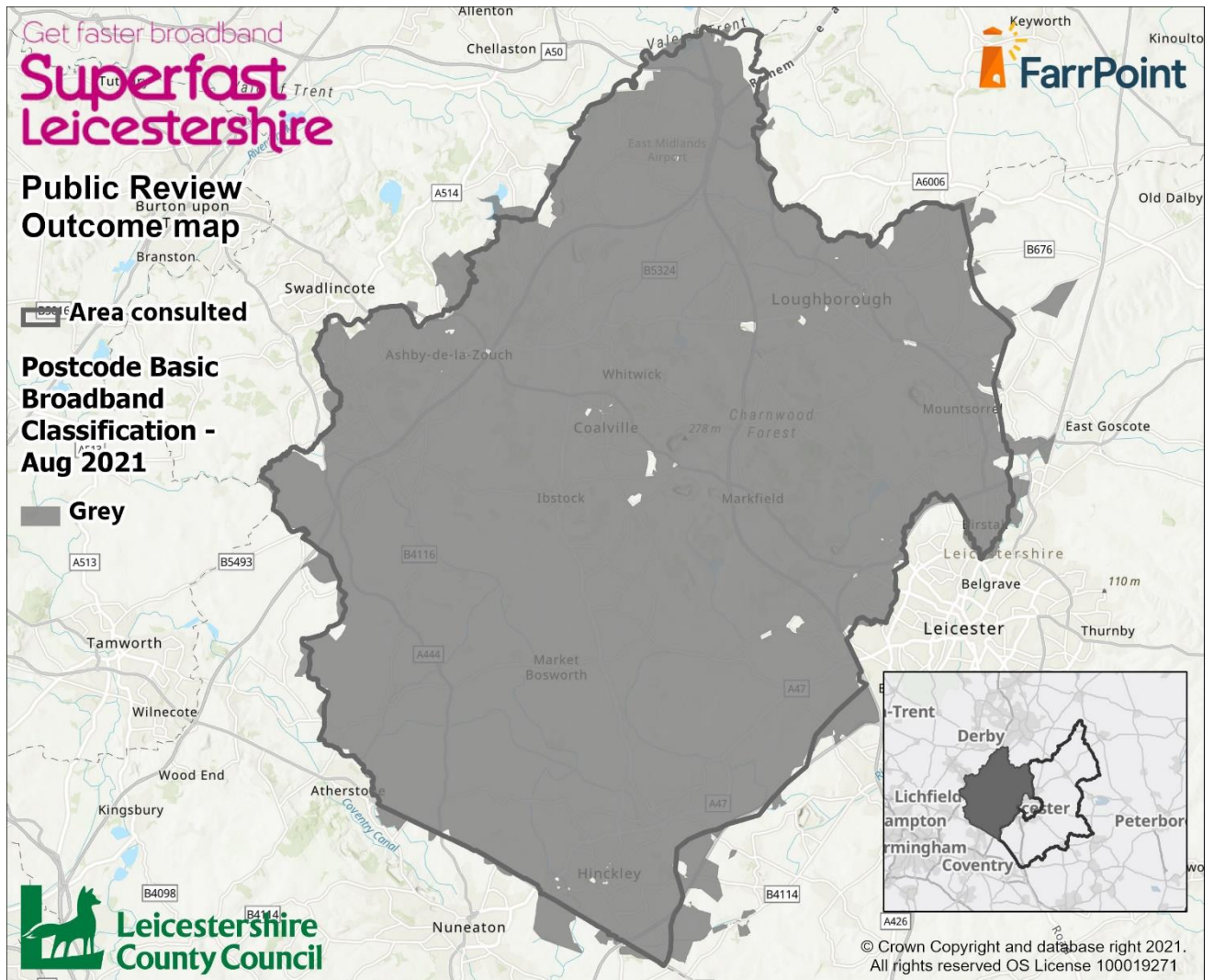


Figure 1 - Basic Broadband Outcome map

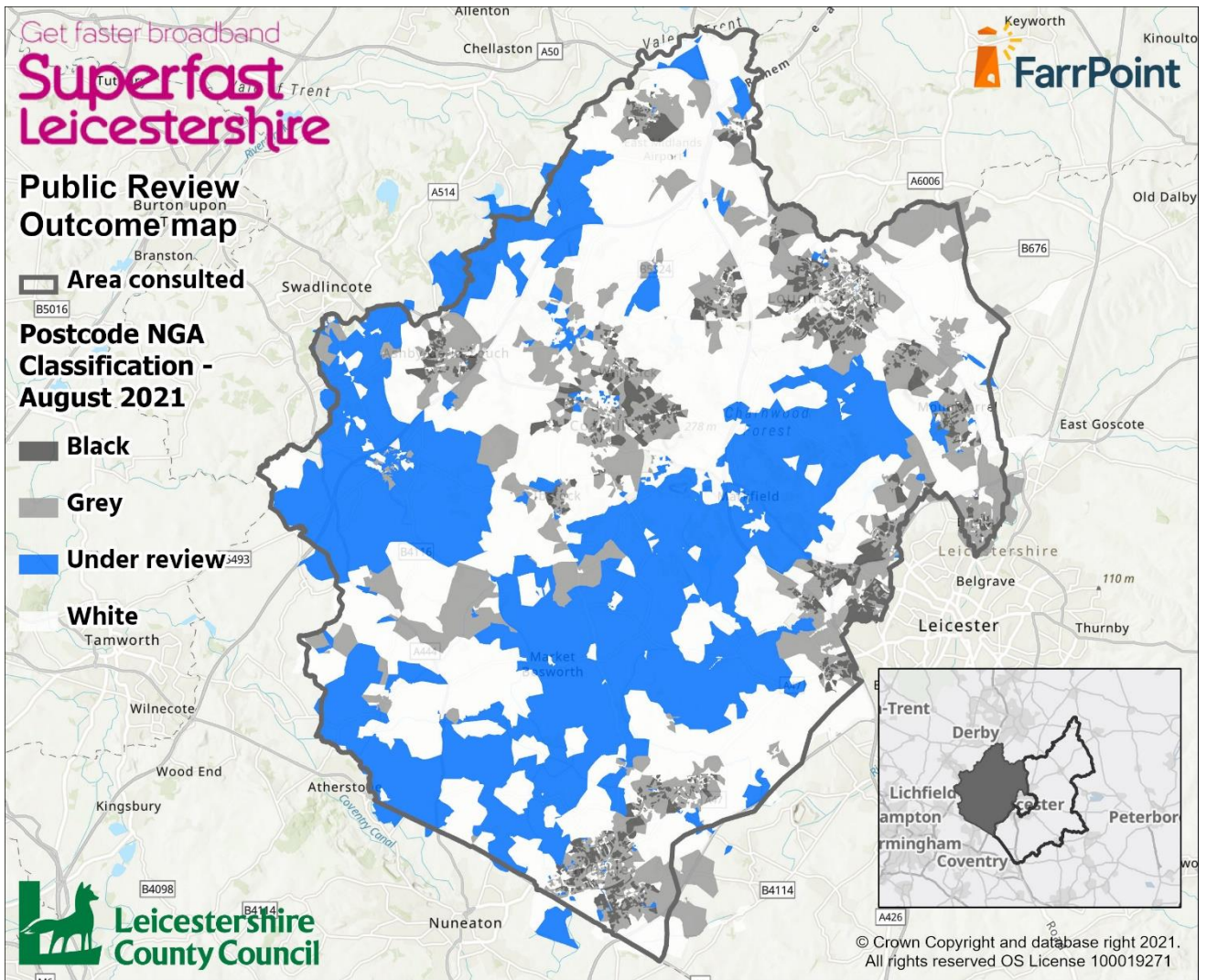


Figure 2 - NGA Outcome map

## 6. Status of Intervention Area

The Public Review is now closed.

## 7. Contact Details

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