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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Report Purpose

There is a national requirement to ensure that new residences have access to superfast broadband download speeds (understood to mean a minimum of 24 Mbps). There is also a requirement in Manchester that all new development to have full Fibre To The Premises (FTTP)¹ connections.

Pager Power has been commissioned to investigate the broadband connectivity at the proposed development, located on Great Jackson Street, Manchester city centre. This report presents the investigation into the current internet speeds in the area around the proposed development to determine whether the national and local requirements can be met.

Process

The availability of broadband services and the associated speeds has been determined based on:

- Openreach coverage checker – which is available via the Openreach website and identifies available speeds in any area within the UK.
- Crosschecks with three of the main UK broadband providers.
- Investigation of the process for obtaining superfast broadband to the premises.

Conclusions

Suitable superfast broadband download speeds, understood to mean a minimum of 24 Mbps, is currently available all 10 assessed addresses near to the proposed development. Therefore, superfast services are likely to be available to the proposed development under baseline conditions.

Openreach predominately provides Fibre To The Cabinet (FTTC) and FTTP infrastructure which allows for superfast service, and this is leased by BT and Sky who provide internet services, amongst other retail providers. Fibre services are available at all 10 assessed addresses near to the proposed development location. Therefore, FTTP infrastructure may be available for the proposed development from Openreach. The review has shown that for all 10 of the assessed addresses near to the proposed development, there is superfast services from BT and Sky.

Virgin Media provides superfast services with of an average download speed of up to 1,130Mbps. The type of infrastructure is typically either Cable (coaxial cable) or FTTP. Five of the 10 assessed addresses did have access to superfast services from Virgin Media. For four addresses, services were confirmed as currently unavailable. The remaining address likely has access to superfast services from Virgin Media². Consultation with Virgin Media previously has indicated that the Virgin Media network is available throughout the centre of Manchester.

¹ Outlined in Section 3.1.

² Further contact with Virgin Media would be required to confirm.

Next Steps

The proposed development will consist of more than 19 plots. Therefore, FTTP infrastructure is available free of charge for this development subject to application to Openreach. This would ensure internet speeds are maintained and is recommended for the proposed development. If the installation of FTTP were to be pursued, the application must be done at least six months before provision of the service to the first property is provided. The site registration process is discussed in Section 5.2. The details that must be included within the registration are:

- Site start date and required service date.
- Site address and coordinates.
- Description of development including type, phases and capacity.
- Contact details.
- Location plan, site plan (1:500) and schematic or schedule of accommodation.

The proposed development may benefit from superfast services from Virgin Media. Although the review of locations near to the proposed development location indicated mixed results regarding the availability of superfast service from Virgin Media, this does not necessarily mean that Virgin Media's infrastructure is not in place at nearby access points and ducts. Consultation with Virgin Media previously has indicated that the Virgin Media network is available throughout Manchester.

If Virgin Media is contacted within a sufficient time frame and notified of the site plans^{3,4} it is possible that the proposed development will benefit from either FTTP or cable broadband supplied by Virgin Media.

Other internet service providers can be contacted in advance⁵. Provided one or more of these processes are followed, superfast services can be made available for the proposed development.

³ <https://www.virginmediapartners.com/developersnetworkexpansion>

⁴ <https://www.virginmedia.com/content/dam/virginmedia/dotcom/images/shop/downloads/New-Build-Handbook-v1-63.pdf>

⁵ For example, Hyperoptic is a fibre to the building internet provider in many town and city centres in the UK.

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1 BACKGROUND

1.1 Introduction

There is a national requirement to ensure that new residences have access to superfast broadband download speeds (understood to mean a minimum of 24 Mbps). There is also a requirement in Manchester that all new development to have full Fibre To The Premises (FTTP)⁶ connections.

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1.2 Policy JP-C2: Digital Connectivity

The 'Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document for Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, Trafford And Wigan'⁷ was adopted in March 2024. The policy that relates to broadband connectivity is set out below:

We support the provision of affordable, high quality, digital infrastructure.

In making decisions we will support a range of measures, including:

- 1. Enabling the roll-out of latest generation mobile technology and full fibre to the premises connectivity, in a way that maximises coverage whilst protecting townscape quality and ensuring an ability to respond to updated/changing technology;*
- 2. 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 and*
- 3. Facilitating the provision of free, secure, high speed public wi-fi connections, particularly in the most frequented areas.*

⁶ Outlined in Section 3.1.

⁷ https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500113/city_centre_regeneration/8270/places_for_everyone

2 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT DETAILS

2.1 Description of Development

The description of the development is as follows⁸:

The Proposed Development includes a residential tower with publicly accessible restaurant at the top. A sperate building is proposed for office use. Basement car parking is also proposed.

2.2 Proposed Development General Arrangement

The general arrangement plan for the proposed development is shown in Figure 1⁹ below. The residential tower is the building in the centre of the figure, and the building for office use is to the right.

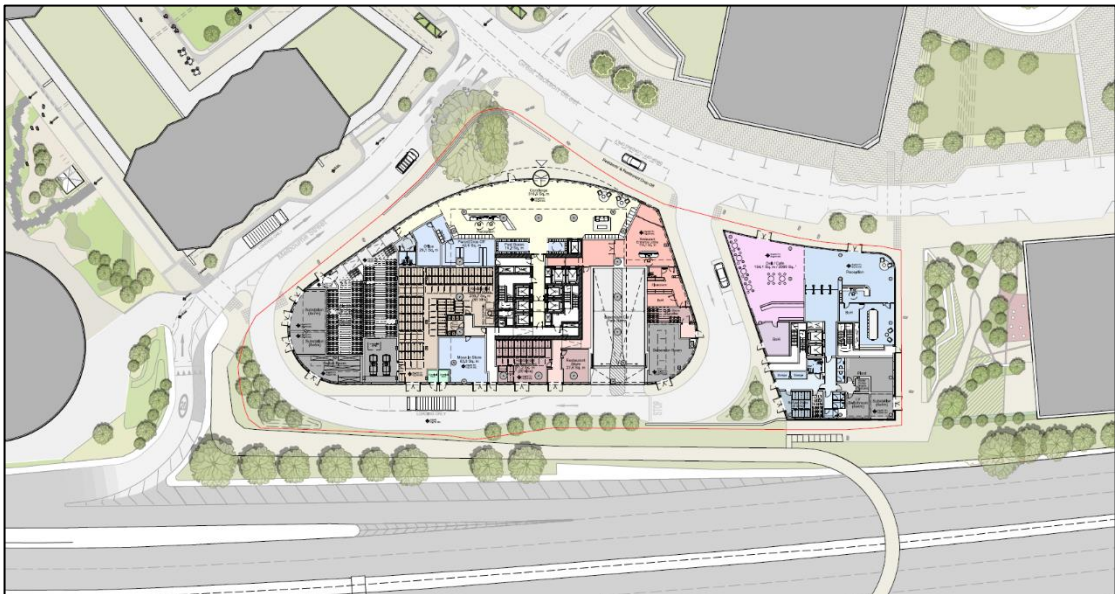


Figure 1 Proposed development general arrangement plan

⁸ CS Phase 3 and Plot D - Key Information Table.

⁹ Plot D - General Arrangement [cropped]. The landscaping and floorplan shown are indicative only.

2.1 3D Building Representation

A representative 3D aerial image of the proposed development is shown in Figure 2 below.

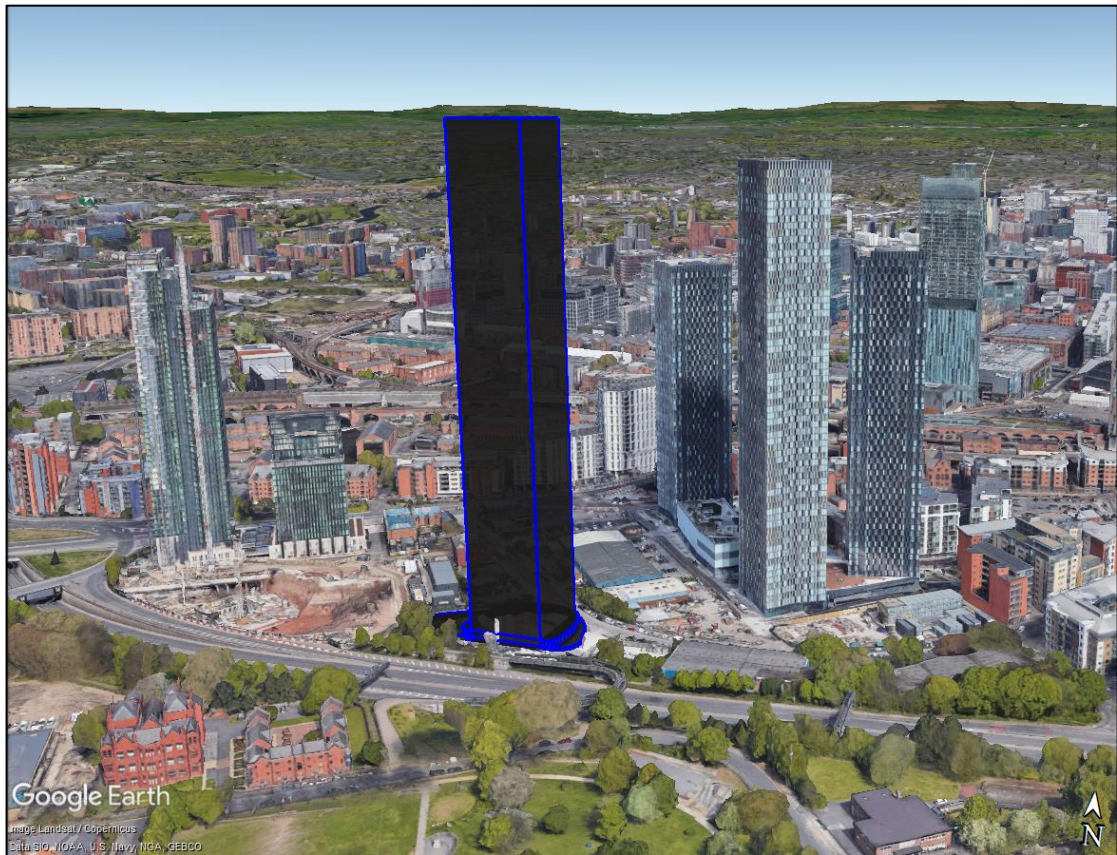


Figure 2 3D building representation

3 INTERNET SERVICES IN THE UK

3.1 Common Types of Broadband

Broadband services in the UK can be provided in various ways. Typical fixed line broadband options include:

- Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) – which is provided via a copper telephone line as shown in Figure 3 below.
- Fibre optic broadband – which is provided via a bespoke fibre network. Fibre optic broadband typically provides the highest speeds in the UK and can be further subdivided into:
 - Fibre To The Cabinet (FTTC) – whereby a fibre connection is made between the exchange and a distribution point (typically referred to as a cabinet), which in turn is connected to a residence via a copper cable.
 - Fibre To The Premises¹⁰ (FTTP) – whereby a fibre connection is made between the exchange and the residence.

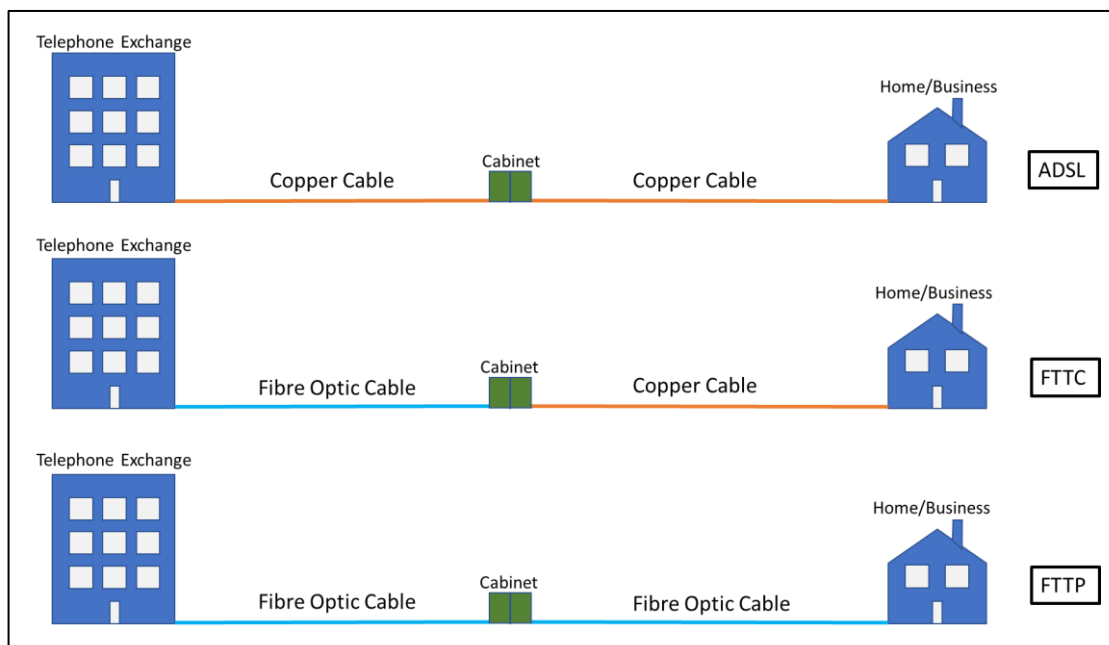


Figure 3 Common types of broadband (fixed line)

- Gfast – which is a new hybrid technology used by Openreach that delivers broadband much like FTTC; however, the transmission is modified typically at the distribution point to increase the speed of the service.

¹⁰ Also referred to as Fibre To The Home (FTTH).

- Cable (DOCSIS) – typically provided by Virgin Media¹¹ who make use of DOCSIS technology¹² standard whereby typically there is a fibre connection made up to a distribution point, which in turn is connected to a residence via coaxial cable.

Wireless Broadband services are available in the UK are less common. Typical wireless options include:

- Fixed Wireless Access (typically offered by small internet service providers to rural locations) whereby a fibre connection is made up to a distribution point, which in turn is connected to a residence via wireless technology (typically WI-FI).
- Mobile network providers can also provide wireless home broadband via 4G / 5G technology and may be sought as another alternative solution.
- Satellite internet services are very uncommon and used only in very remote rural areas typically where no alternative viable solutions are available.

3.2 Broadband Speeds

The term 'superfast' is understood to mean speeds of 24 Mbps or higher¹³. Available speeds for the technologies are as follows:

- Standard broadband – up to 24Mbps;
- Superfast broadband – up to 80Mbps (FTTC);
- Gfast Broadband – up to 330 Mbps;
- Cable Broadband – up to 1,130 Mbps¹⁴ (Virgin Media);
- Ultrafast Full Fibre – typically up to 1 Gbps¹⁵ (FTTP).

¹¹ Virgin Media now also provide FTTP solutions in the UK for home broadband services.

¹² Data Over Cable Service Interface Specification - An international standard for data transfer over cable.

¹³ Source: BBC, 2014, *One million UK properties on 'superfast broadband' after investment*. Last accessed August 2021.

¹⁴ <https://www.virginmedia.com/shop/broadband/speeds>

¹⁵ Source: Openreach. 1 Gbps = 1,000 Mbps.

4 BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY ASSESSMENT

4.1 Overview

The availability of internet services at the proposed development has been explored in two ways:

- Assessment via Openreach – which shows the availability of their fibre network at UK locations via an automated service on their website.
- Enquiries with three main high-speed broadband providers in the UK, namely:
 - BT (Uses Openreach broadband infrastructure network);
 - Sky (Uses Openreach broadband infrastructure network);
 - Virgin Media (Owns and maintains its own broadband network).

4.2 Broadband Connectivity Assessment

10 address locations were assessed near the development as shown by the green icons in Figure 4 on the following page. The results are shown in Table 1 on the following pages. The proposed development is also shown within Figure 4.



Figure 4 Locations assessed
Broadband Connectivity Assessment

Location	Address	Openreach	BT (Openreach network)	Sky (Openreach network)	Virgin Media
1.	Flat 4001, Elizabeth Tower, 141 Chester Rd, Manchester M15 4ZF	FTTP is available. Supports speeds of up to 1Gbps (1,000 Mbps).	Results showed that a download speed of up to 900 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 700 Mbps is available.	Results showed that a download speed range of 761 to 908 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 585 Mbps is available.	Results showed that typical download speeds at an average of 1,130 Mbps are available.
2.	101, 16 Silvercroft Street, Manchester, M15 4ZD	FTTP is available. Supports speeds of up to 1Gbps (1,000 Mbps).	Results showed that a download speed of up to 900 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 700 Mbps is available.	Results showed that a download speed range of 761 to 908 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 585 Mbps is available.	Results showed that typical download speeds at an average of 1,130 Mbps are available.
3.	Flat 101, Castlegate, 2 Chester Road, Manchester, M15 4QG	Superfast services available with download speeds range of 65 to 80 Mbps (i.e. FTTC only) is available.	Results showed that a download speed range of 59 to 73 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 55 Mbps is available.	Results showed that a download speed range of 60 to 72 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 54 Mbps is available.	Results showed that typical download speeds at an average of 1,130 Mbps are available.
4.	Flat D001, 371 Deansgate, Manchester, M15 4UP	FTTP is available. Supports speeds of up to 1Gbps (1,000 Mbps).	Results showed that a download speed of up to 900 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 700 Mbps is available.	Results showed that a download speed range of 761 to 908 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 585 Mbps is available.	Results showed that typical download speeds at an average of 1,130 Mbps are available.

Location	Address	Openreach	BT (Openreach network)	Sky (Openreach network)	Virgin Media
5.	Flat A2001, 9 Owen Street, Manchester, M15 4TQ	FTTP is available. Supports speeds of up to 1Gbps (1,000 Mbps).	Results showed that a download speed of up to 900 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 700 Mbps is available.	Results showed that a download speed range of 761 to 908 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 585 Mbps is available.	Results showed that typical download speeds at an average of 1,130 Mbps are available.
6.	Apartment 1, The Boatmans, 42 City Road East, Manchester, M15 4QF	Superfast services available with download speeds range of 61 to 80 Mbps (i.e. FTTC only) is available.	Results showed that a download speed range of 56 to 73 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 52 Mbps is available.	Results showed that a download speed range of 46 to 51 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 59 Mbps is available.	Services confirmed as not available. Consultation with Virgin Media previously has indicated that the Virgin Media network is available throughout the centre of Manchester. See Section 5.3 for obtaining superfast services from Virgin Media.

Location	Address	Openreach	BT (Openreach network)	Sky (Openreach network)	Virgin Media
7.	Flat 1, River Street Tower, 2 River Street, Manchester, M15 5GQ	FTTP is available. Supports speeds of up to 1Gbps (1,000 Mbps).	Results showed that a download speed of up to 900 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 700 Mbps is available.	Results showed that a download speed range of 761 to 908 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 585 Mbps is available.	Services confirmed as not available. Consultation with Virgin Media previously has indicated that the Virgin Media network is available throughout the centre of Manchester. See Section 5.3 for obtaining superfast services from Virgin Media.
8.	2 Humberstone Avenue, Manchester, M15 5FD	Superfast services available with download speeds range of 55 to 80 Mbps (i.e. FTTC only) is available. FTTP with speeds of up to 1Gbps (1,000 Mbps) is planned between now and December 2026.	Results showed that a download speed range of 50 to 73 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 44 Mbps is available.	Results showed that a download speed range of 54 to 72 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 47 Mbps is available.	Services confirmed as not available. Consultation with Virgin Media previously has indicated that the Virgin Media network is available throughout the centre of Manchester. See Section 5.3 for obtaining superfast services from Virgin Media.

Location	Address	Openreach	BT (Openreach network)	Sky (Openreach network)	Virgin Media
9.	Flat 53, Brian Redhead Court, 123 Jackson Crescent, Manchester, M15 5RR	Superfast services available with download speeds range of 69 to 80 Mbps (i.e. FTTC only) is available. FTTP with speeds of up to 1Gbps (1,000 Mbps) is planned between now and December 2026.	Results showed that a download speed range of 61 to 73 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 55 Mbps is available.	Results showed that a download speed range of 62 to 72 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 56 Mbps is available.	Services confirmed as not available. Consultation with Virgin Media previously has indicated that the Virgin Media network is available throughout the centre of Manchester. See Section 5.3 for obtaining superfast services from Virgin Media.
10.	151 Chester Road, Manchester, M15 4JB	Superfast services available with download speeds range of 53 to 79 Mbps (i.e. FTTC only) is available.	Results showed that a download speed range of 49 to 72 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 40 Mbps is available.	Results showed that a download speed range of 51 to 71 Mbps is available. Guaranteed minimum download speed at 44 Mbps is available.	Services likely to be available; however, information is not automatically available for this address on Virgin Media availability checker without further contact. Consultation with Virgin Media previously has indicated that the Virgin Media network is available throughout the centre of Manchester. See Section 5.3 for obtaining superfast services from Virgin Media.

Table 1 Assessment of current availability
Broadband Connectivity Assessment

5 FACILITATION OF SUPERFAST INTERNET SERVICES

5.1 Overview

The process of obtaining superfast services for Openreach and Virgin Media is outlined in Sections 5.2 and 5.3. Other internet service providers can be contacted in advance¹⁶. An overview of guidance on data ducting infrastructure for new homes is outlined in Section 5.4 and Appendix B.

5.2 Openreach

The proposed development will benefit from the option of FTTP from Openreach. The benefit of FTTP over FTTC is that internet speeds are typically faster, and the network has a greater capacity for higher speeds in the future, whilst considered to be more reliable and consistent¹⁷. The process and the cost of doing this varies depending on the development type and size. For developments comprising more than 19 plots, Openreach will install FTTP for free. A 'plot' in this context is defined as *an individually Council Addressed property paying full residency council tax*¹⁸. The proposed development therefore qualifies for free facilitation of the fibre network from the exchange to the properties themselves. This requires registration of the site, specifically:

- Registration is required six months before provision of the service to the first property and eight weeks before development commences on site;
- The dates of commencement on site and required service must be provided;
- A description of the development including the number of plots, whether it is part of a larger development and associated phases;
- Contact details for the company building the properties and the person managing any queries from Openreach must be provided;
- Plans of the development must be provided including:
 - Location;
 - Site plan at a minimum of 1:500;
 - Schedule of accommodation that show how many plots per floor and their connection to a riser in cases of multiple cores.
- Registration is undertaken online¹⁹, whereupon it will be assessed by the Openreach team. The timescale for this assessment is not defined, the customer service team advised that this varies according to the number of applications being processed at any

¹⁶ For example, Hyperoptic is a fibre to the building internet provider in many town and city centres in the UK.

¹⁷ Internet latency is typically lower for FTTP and internet speeds are usually more consistent.

¹⁸ The definition was provided during an engagement with Openreach customer support carried out in 2018 it can also be found at the following link: <https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/fibre-for-developers/registering-your-site>.

¹⁹ <https://www.developers.openreach.co.uk/developerportal/index>

given time, however a response from the assessment team should be received within five working days from submission of the registration form;

- Following assessment of the registration documents, an agreement will be provided by Openreach which must be signed and returned so that the application can be progressed by Openreach. This stage is not required if a framework agreement between the developer and Openreach has already been signed;
- Once the agreement has been signed it will be processed by the Openreach planning team, who will coordinate the connection process based on the development timescales.

5.3 Virgin Media

The proposed development may benefit from at Superfast services from Virgin Media. Although the review of locations near to the proposed development location indicated mixed results regarding the availability of superfast service from Virgin Media, this does not necessarily mean that Virgin Media's infrastructure is not in place at nearby access points and ducts. Consultation with Virgin Media previously has indicated that the Virgin Media network is available throughout Manchester.

If Virgin Media is contacted within a sufficient time frame and notified of the site plans^{20,21} it is possible that the proposed development will benefit from either FTTP or cable broadband supplied by Virgin Media.

5.4 Data Ducting Infrastructure for New Homes

Manchester City Council has previously stated the following requirement for a broadband connectivity assessment:

All new build residential developments must incorporate measures to facilitate digital connectivity for all new build residential properties having regard to the Data Ducting Infrastructure Guidance produced by the Department for Communities and Local Government. (Section 10 NPPF).

A review of Section 10, Supporting high quality communications infrastructure, of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states in paragraph 114 the following:

Advanced, high quality and reliable communications infrastructure is essential for economic growth and social well-being. Planning policies and decisions should support the expansion of electronic communications networks, including next generation mobile technology (such as 5G) and full fibre broadband connections. Policies should set out how high quality digital infrastructure, providing access to services from a range of providers, is expected to be delivered and upgraded over time; and should prioritise full fibre connections to existing and new developments (as these connections will, in almost all cases, provide the optimum solution).

Advice on infrastructure (internal and external) to ensure superfast services are installed for the proposed development are most likely to be provided by Openreach, Virgin Media, or other internet infrastructure stakeholders alongside the direct consultation as outlined in the previous

²⁰ <https://www.virginmediapartners.com/developersnetworkexpansion>

²¹ <https://www.virginmedia.com/content/dam/virginmedia/dotcom/images/shop/downloads/New-Build-Handbook-v1-63.pdf>

sections. However, the guidance note *Data Ducting Infrastructure for New Homes*²² produced by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government also provides advice on internal and external infrastructure. An overview of this document is shown in Appendix B.

²²https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/11496/dataducting.pdf

6 CONCLUSIONS

6.1 Conclusions

Suitable superfast broadband download speeds, understood to mean a minimum of 24 Mbps, is currently available all 10 assessed addresses near to the proposed development. Therefore, superfast services are likely to be available to the proposed development under baseline conditions.

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If Virgin Media is contacted within a sufficient time frame and notified of the site plans^{24,25} it is possible that the proposed development will benefit from either FTTP or cable broadband supplied by Virgin Media.

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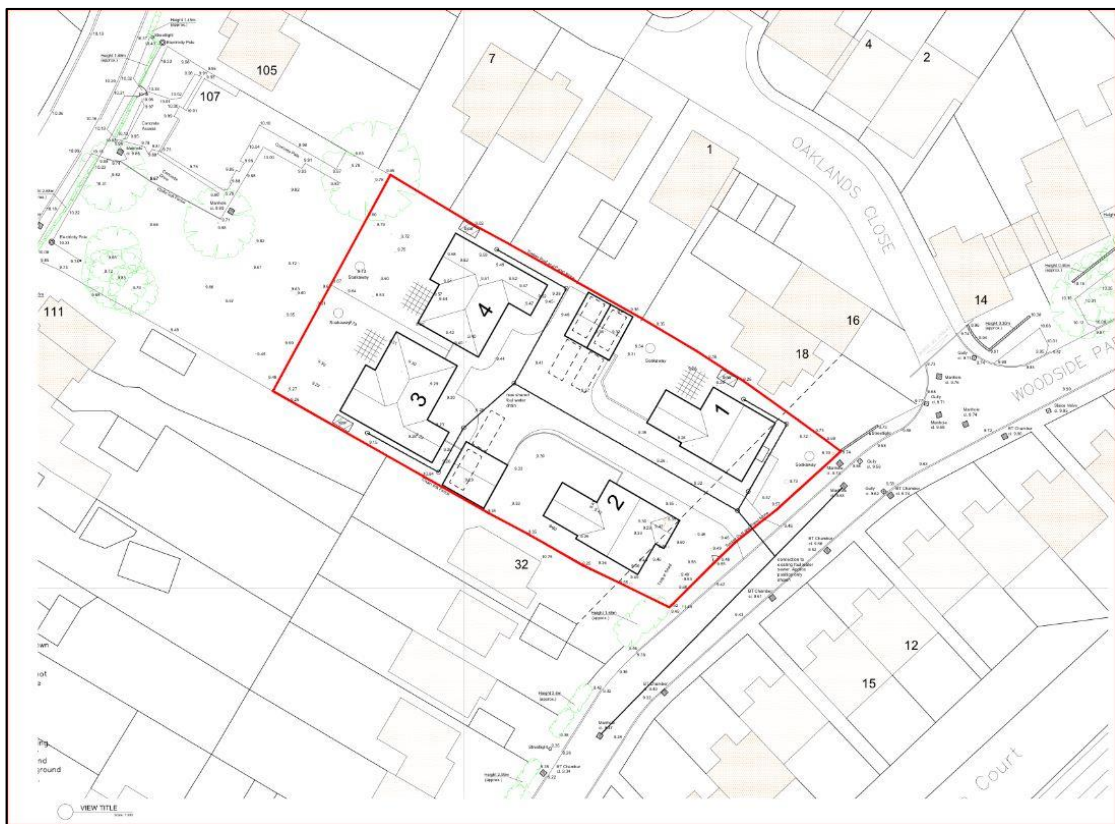
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APPENDIX A – EXAMPLE DOCUMENTS FOR SITE SUBMISSION

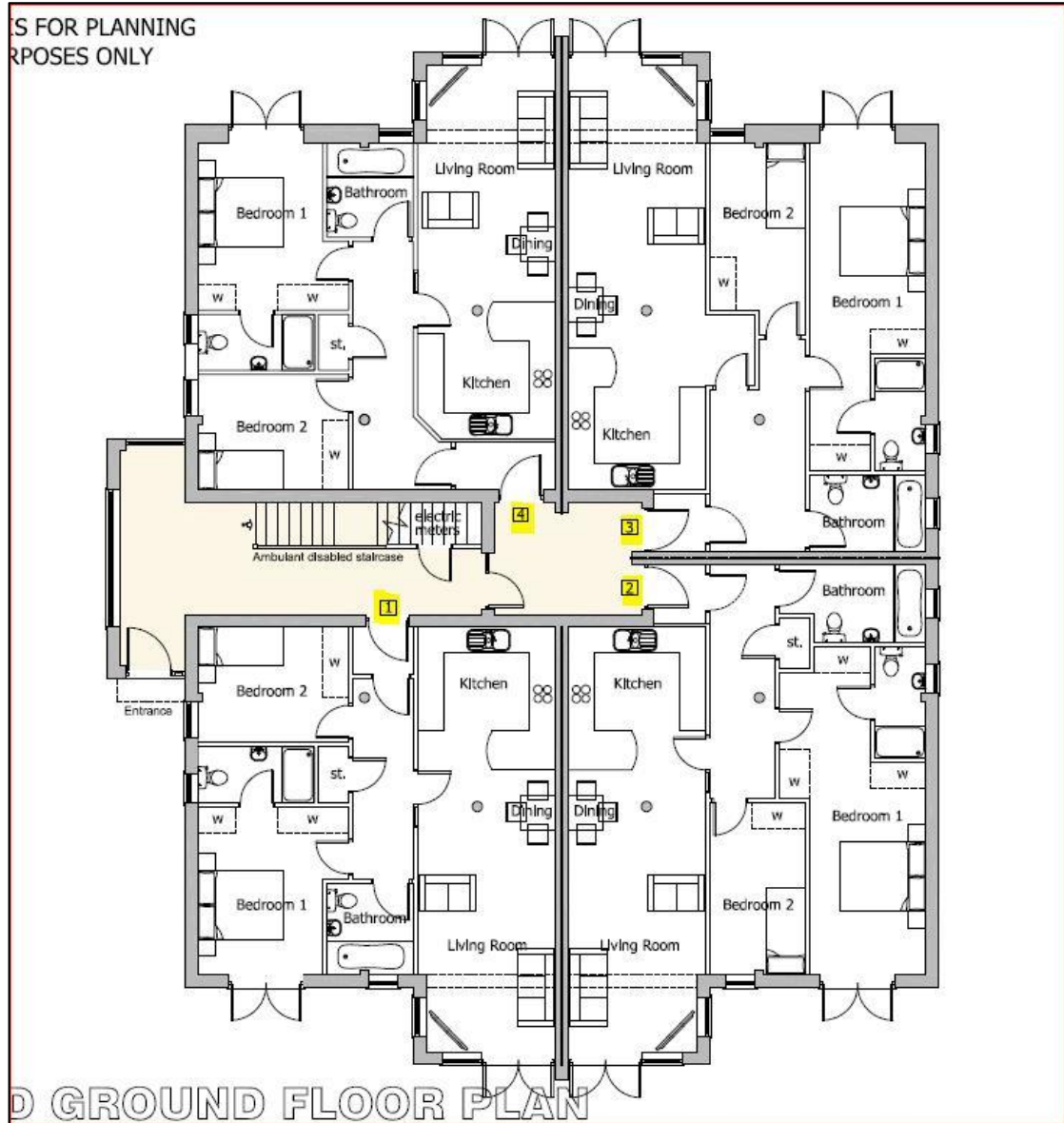
Purpose

Openreach have provided examples of good documentation to facilitate the site registration process. These are shown below for reference.

Example Site Plan



Example Site Plan with Plot Numbers



Example Flat Floor Plan with Plot Numbers



Example Site Plan for Business Unit



The site plan for Great Jackson Street, Plot D, illustrates the layout of a commercial development. The plan includes several building units labeled UNIT 1, UNIT 1A, UNIT 2, UNIT 3A, UNIT 3B, UNIT 4, UNIT 5, and UNITS 6 & 7. Key areas include a 'PROPOSED POD SITE' (shaded in light blue), a 'PIZZA HUT UNIT 8' (shaded in light green), and a 'PROPOSED UNITS 9-10 SITE TO BE DEVELOPED DURING PHASE 2' (shaded in light orange). The plan also shows existing and proposed parking areas, including 'STAFF PARKING' and 'EXISTING PARKING LAYOUT TO BE MODIFIED DURING PHASE 1'. Surrounding infrastructure includes 'VORSELL WAY', 'PICO AVE', 'SERVICE ROAD', 'FOODSTORE CARPARK', 'PETROL FILLING STATION', and 'EDB STREET BRIDGE'. A legend in the bottom right corner indicates that 'REMOVED EXISTING TROLLEY BAYS' are shown as 'CHANGED TO PARKING BAYS'. The Quadrant logo is located in the bottom left corner.

APPENDIX B – DATA DUCTING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NEW HOMES

Overview

The guidance note *Data Ducting Infrastructure for New Homes*²⁷ produced by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government also provides advice on internal and external ducting. Relevant sections on the requirements for internal and external ducting are shown with the sections below.

External Infrastructure Requirements Overview

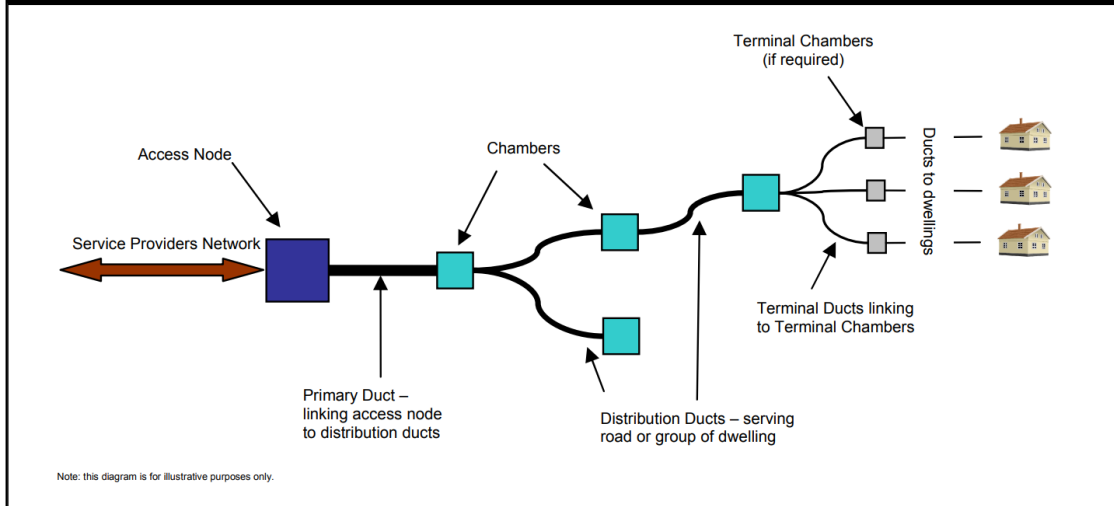
Section 2.2.2 of the guidance details the following requirements that need to be considered in the design and implementation of external infrastructure:

- *Access node* – to provide an interface between the external infrastructure and the data service provider's network. Depending on the network technology and the data service provider's requirement the access node may be implemented in a street cabinet or a chamber. The access node may be required to accommodate active (powered) network equipment.
- *Street cabinets* (not shown in the figure) – may be required for cable joints, cable distribution points and possibly to house active (powered) network equipment. Cabinets should be of sufficient size for additional ducting, at least one additional duct, for future requirements.
- *Chambers* – for cable installation, cable routing, cable jointing and some passive distribution points. Chambers may also be required to accommodate active (powered) network equipment that is designed specifically for such an environment although most data service providers are likely to favour street cabinets.
- *Terminal chambers* – chambers that may be required to connect the wider external infrastructure with dwellings or groups of dwellings. Terminal chambers should be located outside the dwelling plot as stated in paragraph 2.2.7 and illustrated in Figure 2.1.
- *Ducts* – pipes to facilitate the installation and later replacement of cables. This may also include micro or inner ducts.

The figure on the following page presents an overview of the elements forming external infrastructure. Further details, including on ducts, are detailed within the guidance note.

²⁷https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/11496/dataducting.pdf

Figure 2.1: Elements forming external infrastructure



Elements forming external infrastructure

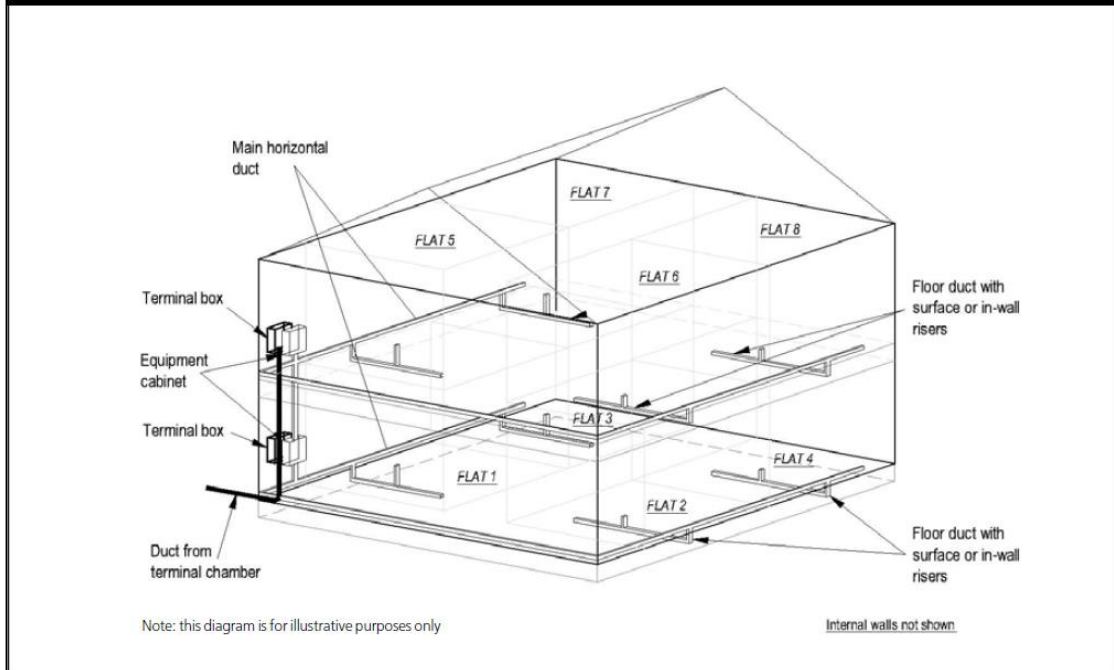
Internal Infrastructure Requirements Overview

Section 2.3.2 of the guidance details the following requirements that likely need to be considered for internal infrastructure:

- *Data sockets at 'useful locations' throughout the dwelling.*
- *A 'readily accessible' location where network equipment can be installed with a simple 'user-friendly' method of connecting the network equipment to 'live' data sockets.*
- *Mains electricity sockets that are located near the data sockets.*

The figure on the following page presents an overview of duct distribution in a multi-occupancy building. Further details, including on ducts, are detailed within the guidance note.

Figure 2.10: Duct distribution in multi-occupancy building



Duct distribution in multi-occupancy building



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