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Superfast Broadband Strategy Statement

This Superfast Broadband Strategy Statement has been produced on behalf of Chillingham Ltd to support an Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except for means of access) for the partial re-development of the Meadway Centre, Tilehurst, Reading. The proposal seeks to respond to the Option 2 development aspirations set out within Reading Borough Council's adopted Meadway Centre Planning Brief (November 2013) and builds upon the planning consent granted in 2017 for the precinct (Ref: 15/0945) which sought to expand the retail offering of the centre.

The outline application was received by Reading Borough Council on the 16th September 2019 and is registered under Reference Number: 191496/OUT.

Planning Policy Requirements

The Reading Borough Local Plan was adopted on the 4th November 2019. There are no specific policies with regards delivery of broadband however in Figure 10.2 of the Summary of the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule of the Local Plan, it states that the Council will seek Implementation of broadband infrastructure to 24mb wherever possible and ensure a minimum superfast infrastructure for 98% of properties by 2019.

Superfast Broadband Strategy Statement (SBSS)

The proposed development seeks Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except for means of access) for the partial re-development of the Meadway Centre.

A SBSS document would only be achievable during the detailed reserved matters stage of an application once the site layout is finalised, number of houses finalised and design, appearance and landscaping finalised.

It would be wholly premature at the Outline stage to commence discussions with any Telecommunications Operatives. Location and strategy for telecommunications equipment would be designed and submitted for approval at the reserved matters stage as part of a future application.

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