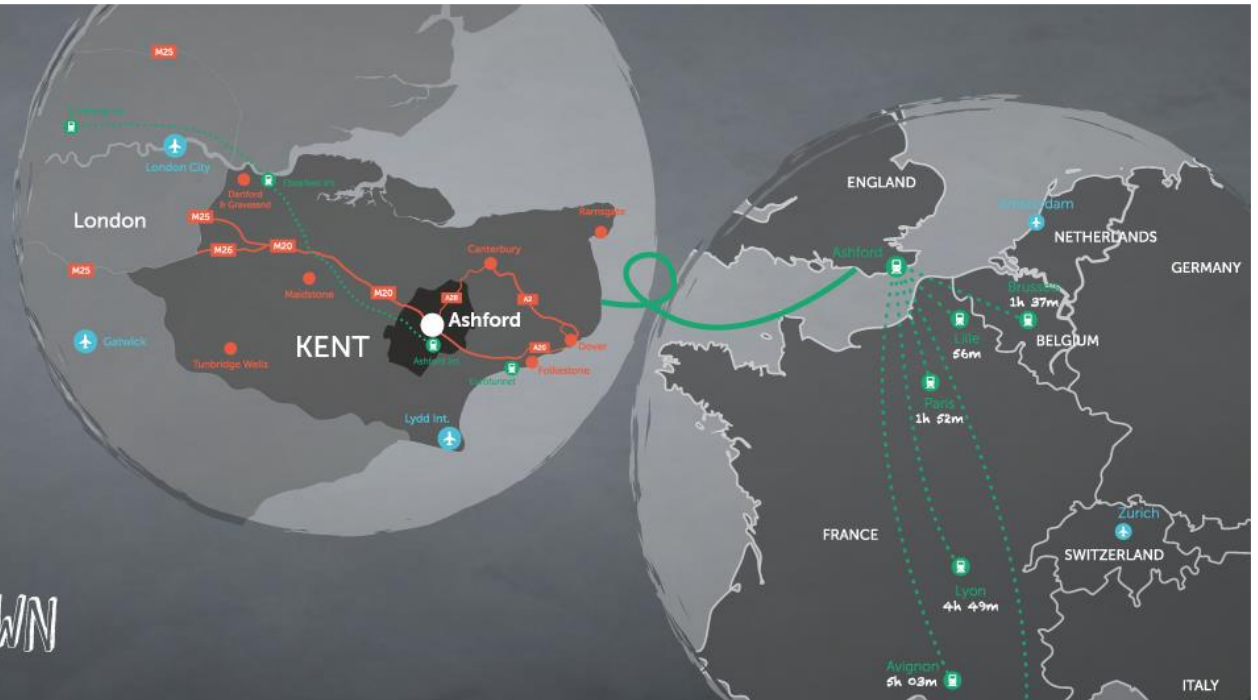




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ABC APPROACH

BDUK: How do we maximize the opportunity?

- Free Wayleaves
- Free Admin and legal fees
- Fully briefed Members
- Strong leadership
- Evidence of need
- Communication

ABC APPROACH

BDUK: What next....?

- Building 1000 homes a year
- % BDUK Targets
- Could Local Planning Authorities be the answer?

Policy EMP6 - Promotion of Fibre to the Premises (FTTP)

All residential and employment developments within the Ashford urban area, including the site allocations promoted in this Plan which adjoin Ashford, will enable FTTP. In the rural area, all residential developments over 10 dwellings and reasonably sized employment proposals shall enable FTTP.

For schemes under these thresholds the Council's expectation is that provision for FTTP will be achieved, where practical.

Where it can be demonstrated that fibre to the premise is not practical due to special circumstances, then non Next Generation Access technologies that can provide speeds in excess of 24Mbps should be delivered wherever practical.

‘Brilliant idea...

**but it’s not
planning’**

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PROVISION OF HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL NEW BUILDS

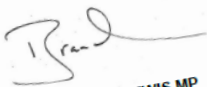
We are writing to you today about the vital role local planning authorities play in the rollout of superfast broadband when developing and considering planning applications.

Advanced high quality superfast broadband is essential for the Government and local authorities are investing £1.7 billion to roll out 95% of the United Kingdom by 2017.

As Council Leaders, you have a crucial role to play in supporting the rollout of superfast broadband through your Local Plans and when considering planning applications. Possible commercial and residential new builds are able to take advantage of this policy on this is set out in Section five of the National Planning Framework such is a material consideration when determining planning applications.

The Framework also requires local planning authorities, in determining Local Plans to work with providers to assess the quality and capacity of broadband in your area and its ability to meet forecasted demand for telecommunications alongside other key infrastructure such as water and gas.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Library of the House of Commons.


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Fixing our broken housing market





Now what...?

- Conditioning sites
- The tools planners will need
- Where is the resistance?



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