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**GARRISON BROADBAND –
UPGRADES ANNOUNCED BY OPENREACH**

Dear Resident

Many local military families have historically had significant difficulties with slow and unreliable internet connections in their homes.

This is an issue that Lt Col Burley and I are acutely aware of. That is why we are delighted to inform you that army quarters across Aldershot Garrison – including yours – should soon benefit from ultrafast fibre broadband as a result of plans announced by Openreach.

Through their 'Fibre First' initiative, Openreach – which owns and operates the UK's broadband network – will soon upgrade local infrastructure to ensure homes across the Garrison are capable of delivering download speeds of up to 1,000 Mbps.

Later this year Openreach will begin their preparatory assessments, with the build itself scheduled to start in April 2023 subject to those surveys.

Hundreds of families have been in touch with my office and Aldershot Garrison HQ in recent years to express their frustration. Therefore, we hope these welcome upgrades will help improve your ability to work from home, educate your children, and stay in touch with loved ones – particularly when spouses are on deployment.

Together, we will continue to follow the project closely and hope Openreach can achieve a successful rollout as soon as possible. You can keep updated on the build's progress by registering your interest online at www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband, and by following updates at www.leodocherty.org.uk/GarrisonBroadband.

With very best wishes

Leo Docherty MP
MP for Aldershot

Lt Col Nick Burley PWRR
Garrison Commander

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