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Dear Leo,

Thank you for your letter of 19 December 2023 asking for a progress update on delivering improved broadband for the Aldershot Garrison estate.

You will be aware from our previous correspondence that Aldershot has been an area of particular focus for the project team where families with the very poorest connections (download speeds of less than 24Mbps) have been highlighted as a priority.

I am happy to report that the project is progressing well thanks to joint work between Ministry of Defence (MOD) and our partners Wifinity and Openreach. Residents of Vine Close are now able to order a high speed connection from Wifinity. Separately, Openreach have completed work on another 144 homes and residents will be able to order full fibre broadband services before the end of January. Based on the latest estimates provided by Wifinity and Openreach, we expect the remainder of homes to be able to order full fibre broadband services before the end of March '24.

The MOD Project Team is engaged with Aldershot Garrison personnel who will ensure that individual residents are informed as soon as new services can be ordered to ensure that service families can benefit from higher download speeds as quickly as possible.

Please be assured that enabling high-quality internet connectivity to service personnel and their families in every one of our SFA homes remains a high priority for MOD.

Yours sincerely,

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