# **East Cambridgeshire Digital Connectivity Overview – June 2025**

### **Broadband**

Fibre broadband coverage in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is above the national average and ahead of Government targets.

### In East Cambridgeshire:

- 98% of premises can access partial/full fibre broadband with download speeds >24Mbps\*
- >88% can access gigabit capable broadband with download speeds of at least 1000Mbps (1Gb)\*

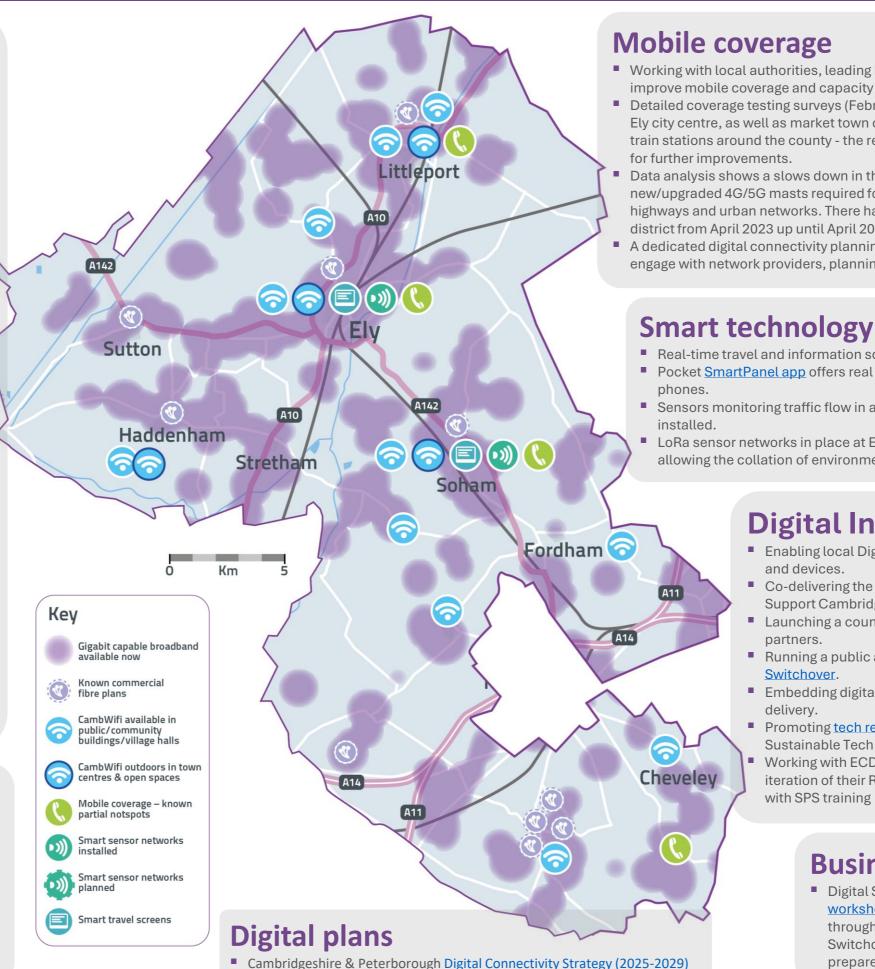
Gigabit capable fibre broadband coverage is increasing at pace through direct government intervention and commercial deployment, meaning this area exceeded the target of 85% coverage by 2025 a year early.

- A number of commercial providers are active in East Cambridgeshire, including but not limited to: CityFibre, Virgin Media (Nexfibre), Gigaclear, County Broadband and Openreach
- View our <u>active suppliers list</u> for more information
- Project Gigabit, delivered by City Fibre, is combining government funding with commercial investment to extend gigabit capable fibre coverage to fill the gaps.
- Gigabit Broadband Vouchers may soon be available again to cover the cost of installing broadband for eligible groups of rural premises that are not in commercial plans or covered by Project Gigabit.
- View our broadband postcode checker and check eligibility for Gigabit Vouchers

Work is underway to improve broadband coverage and connection speeds for social housing, though our liaising with leading housing providers, UK Government and telecoms networks.

### **Public Access Wifi**

- Free and secure public access Wifi (CambWifi) is widely available in public buildings, libraries, leisure centres, Cambridge park & ride sites, and council offices across Cambridgeshire.
- On-street CambWifi is also available in Ely city, Littleport and Soham town centres and installed in 7 village halls through the Connecting Cambridgeshire programme.
- View our CambWifi map and postcode checker



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- Working with local authorities, leading businesses and network providers to
- Detailed coverage testing surveys (February 2025) of 'partial notspots' including Ely city centre, as well as market town centres, business parks, major roads and train stations around the county - the results are being analysed to identify areas
- Data analysis shows a slows down in the number of applications/notices for new/upgraded 4G/5G masts required for digital connectivity for rural areas,
- highways and urban networks. There has been 1 applications/notices covering the district from April 2023 up until April 2025 - which was approved.
- A dedicated digital connectivity planning officer has been appointed to proactively engage with network providers, planning teams and local communities.

- Real-time travel and information screen installed in Ely Library Pocket <u>SmartPanel app</u> offers real time bus and train information via smart
- Sensors monitoring traffic flow in and around Soham station have been
  - LoRa sensor networks in place at Ely Cathedral and Soham Village College allowing the collation of environmental and transport dat.

## **Digital Inclusion**

- Enabling local Digital Hubs via small grants for connectivity and devices.
- Co-delivering the <u>Cambridgeshire Digital Partnership</u> with
- Support Cambridgeshire to train and empower VCS groups. Launching a countywide Digital Inclusion Directory with key partners.
- Running a public awareness campaign on the <u>Digital</u> Switchover.
- Embedding digital inclusion into district council service delivery.
- Promoting tech repurposing through a partnership with Sustainable Tech 4 Good.
- Working with ECDC to provide laptops for the second
- iteration of their RPF digital inclusion project in collaboration with SPS training

### **Business Support**

Digital Switchover webinars and in-person workshops are being delivered by FarrPoint throughout 2025 to raise awareness of how the Switchover will affect businesses, and how to prepare for a successful transition.