

Fenland Digital Connectivity Overview – June 2025

Broadband

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

In Fenland:

- >97% of premises can access partial/full fibre broadband with download speeds >24Mbps*
- >90% 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 Fenland, including but not limited to: CityFibre, Virgin Media (Nexfibre), Gigaclear, County Broadband and Openreach

➤ View our [active suppliers list](#) 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.

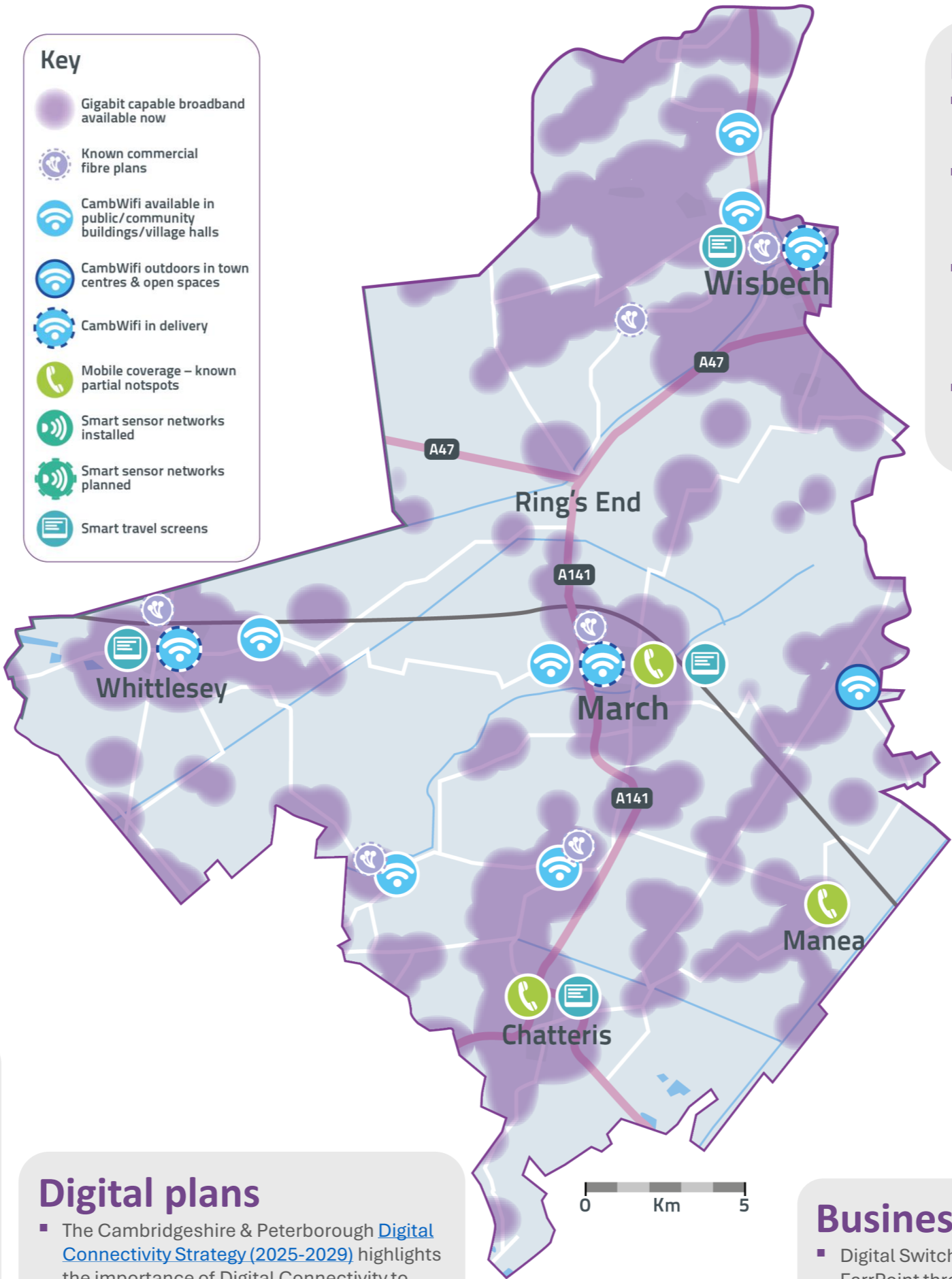
Public Access Wifi

- 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 available in March and Whittlesey town centres and has been installed in 6 village halls through the Connecting Cambridgeshire programme.

➤ View our [CambWifi map and postcode checker](#).

Key

-  Gigabit capable broadband available now
-  Known commercial fibre plans
-  CambWifi available in public/community buildings/village halls
-  CambWifi outdoors in town centres & open spaces
-  CambWifi in delivery
-  Mobile coverage – known partial notspots
-  Smart sensor networks installed
-  Smart sensor networks planned
-  Smart travel screens



Digital plans

- The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough [Digital Connectivity Strategy \(2025-2029\)](#) highlights the importance of Digital Connectivity to support business and communities.

Mobile coverage

- Working with local authorities, leading businesses and network providers to improve mobile coverage and capacity including commissioning local surveys.
- Detailed coverage testing surveys (February 2025) of 'partial notspots' in market town centres, business parks, major roads and train stations gave results that are being analysed to identify areas for further improvements.
- Data analysis shows a slows down in the number of planning applications/notices for new/upgraded 4G/5G masts required for digital connectivity for rural areas, highways and urban networks. There have been 6 applications/notices across the district from April 2023 up to April 2025 - all of which were approved.
- A dedicated digital connectivity planning officer has been appointed to proactively engage with network providers, planning teams and local communities.

Smart technology

- Real-time travel and information screens installed Wisbech and Whittlesey libraries.
- Pocket [SmartPanel app](#) offers real time bus and train information via smart phones.
- 5 Air Quality Sensors installed. 3 in March and 2 in Wisbech
- Sensors monitoring traffic flow have been installed in Chatteris and March.

Digital Inclusion

- Enabling local Digital Hubs via small grants for connectivity and devices.
- Co-delivering the [Cambridgeshire Digital Partnership](#) 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 [Digital Switchover](#).
- Embedding digital inclusion into district council service delivery.
- Promoting [tech repurposing](#) through a partnership with Sustainable Tech 4 Good.
- Working with Fenland District Council to support digital inclusion delivery through their RPF work.

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.