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Superfast Broadband

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The Foundation for a World Class Digital Nation

Argyll and Bute Council

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World Leading Digital Nation

Everyone can communicate and connect instantly using any device, anywhere, anytime

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Digital Scotland Programme

Connectivity:

We have a world class digital infrastructure that enables our people to connect anytime, anywhere using any device.

Digital Public Services:

Our public sector make best use of digital technologies to deliver high quality, efficient and responsive services, enabling access to information and services whenever and wherever people want them.

Digital Participation:

People and organisations in Scotland are confident and capable users of digital technologies.

Digital Economy:

All Scottish businesses make effective use of digital technologies to grow their business and realise their full economic potential.

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Highlights

- One of the biggest programmes in Europe
  - Fastest deploying network in UK ~ 7,000 premises/week
  - Over half way to target of 750,000 premises
  - Less than half way through programme timescales
- One of the biggest UK sub-sea cabling projects in a lifetime, completed ahead of schedule
- Majority of local authorities already benefitting, with published plans for all
- Exchange Only solutions being widely deployed
- Extensive demand stimulation now rolling out across the country

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Infrastructure Constraints

- Intervention Project to address Market Failure
  - Gap Funded
- Few providers at infrastructure layer
- No Universal Service Obligation
- Compliant with State Aid
  - Costs shared with Supplier
  - Technology Neutral
  - Open Access
  - Promotes reuse of Existing Infrastructure
- Next Generation v Basic Broadband

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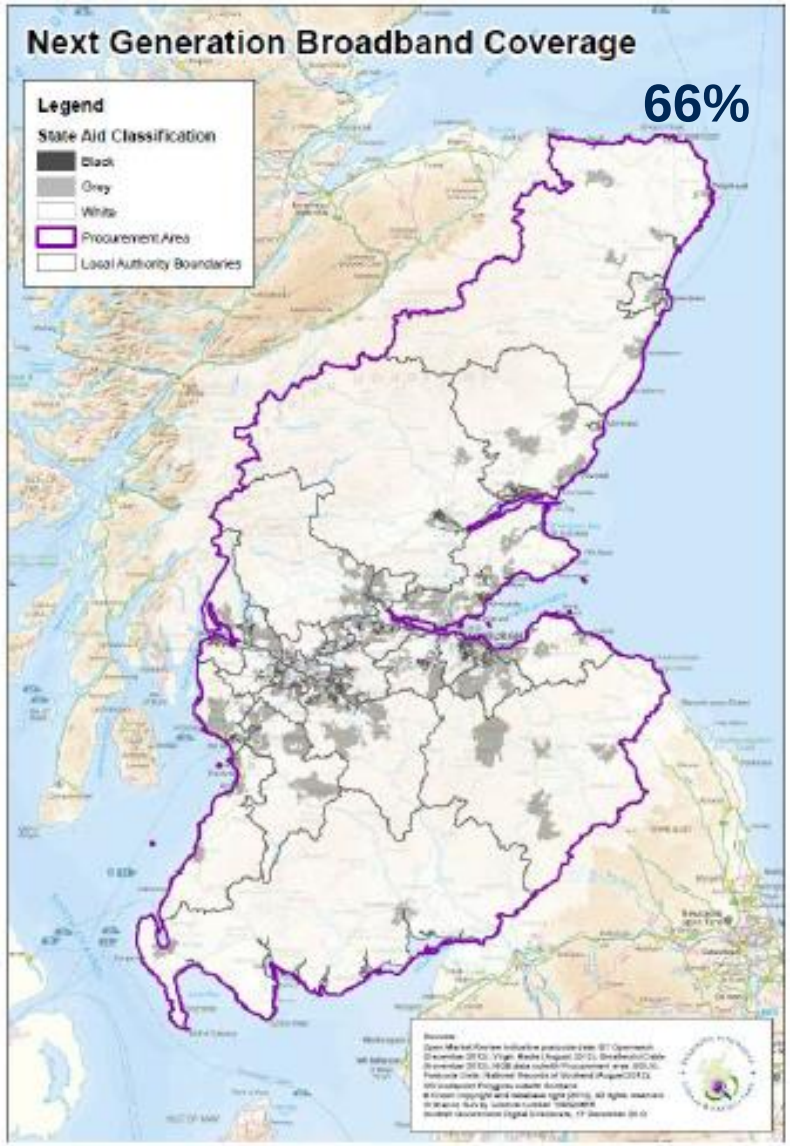
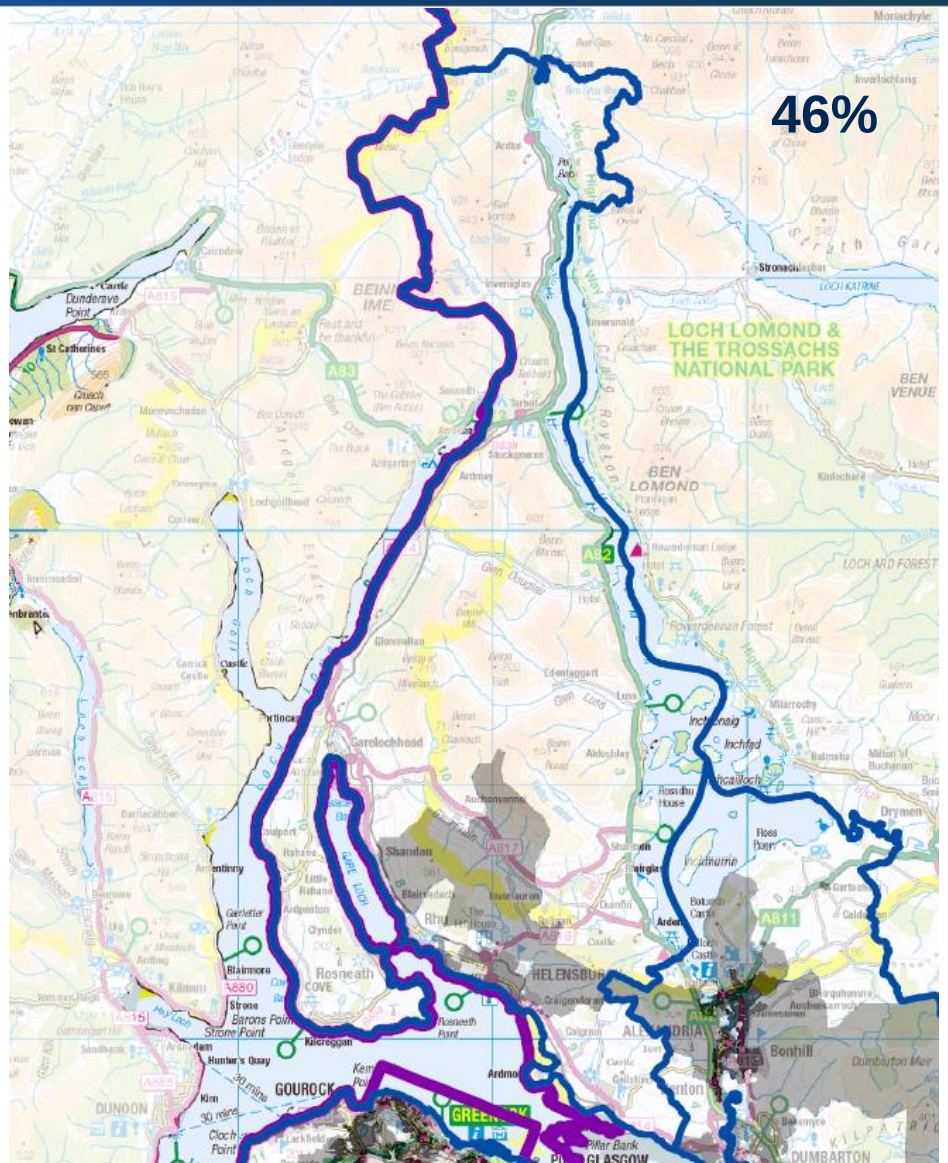
Commercial NGB Coverage





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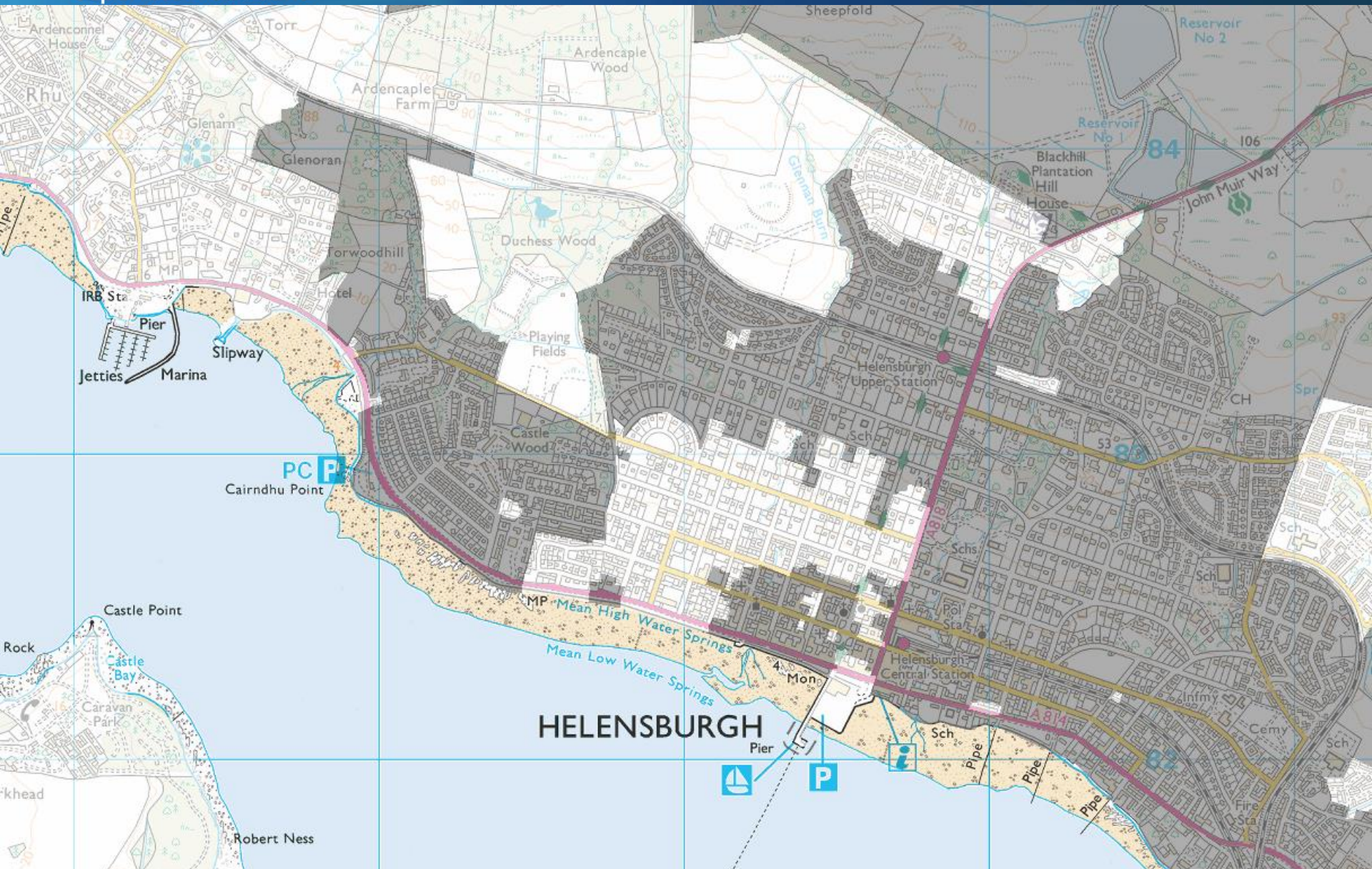
Helensburgh



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- Contracts signed March (H&I) and July (RoS)
  - £146M + £264M = £410M
- NGA to 85% of Premises by end 2015
- NGA to 95% of Premises by end 2017
- Argyll and Bute (Helensburgh and Lomond)
  - NGA to around 91.8% of Premises by end 2017

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Progress @ End of September

Over 400 km of cabling under the sea in 20 sub-sea connections

Over 5,000 km of cabling in the ground

2009 cabinets stood

1954 cabinets live

Over 450,000 Premises Passed

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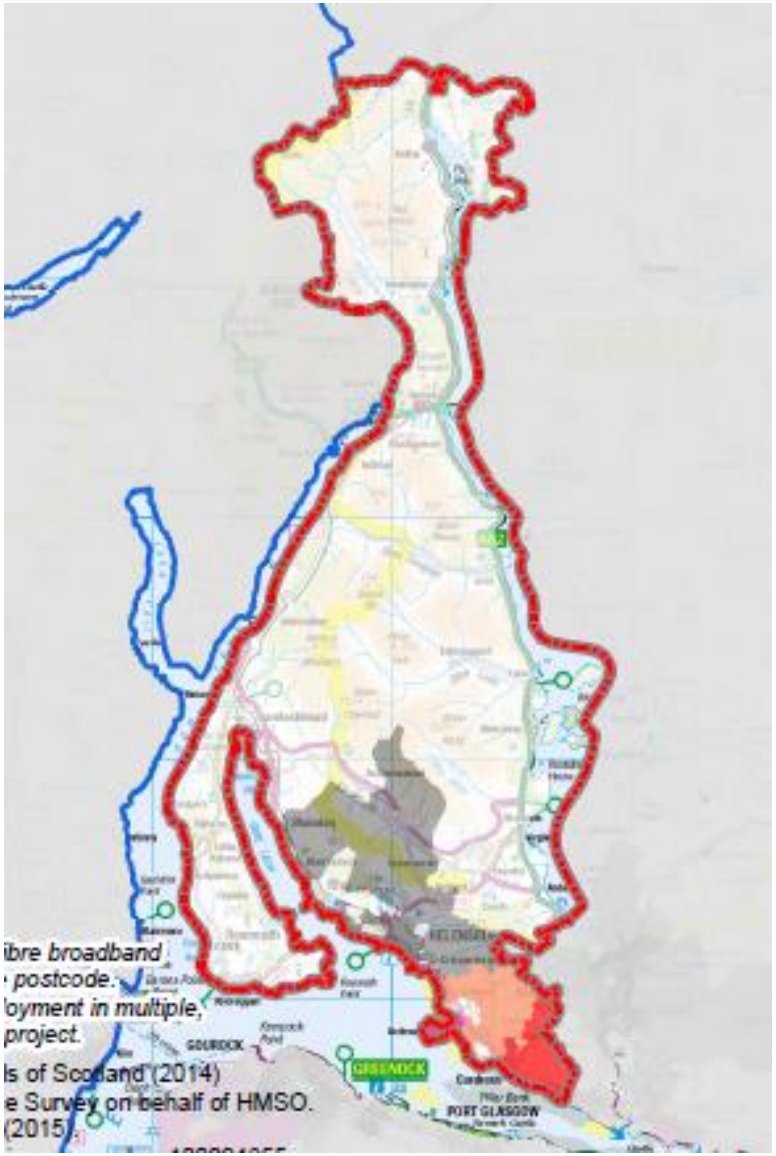
Argyll & Bute Coverage

At 30th June 2015



Exchanges

- Cardross
- Dumbarton

Coverage

- 54%

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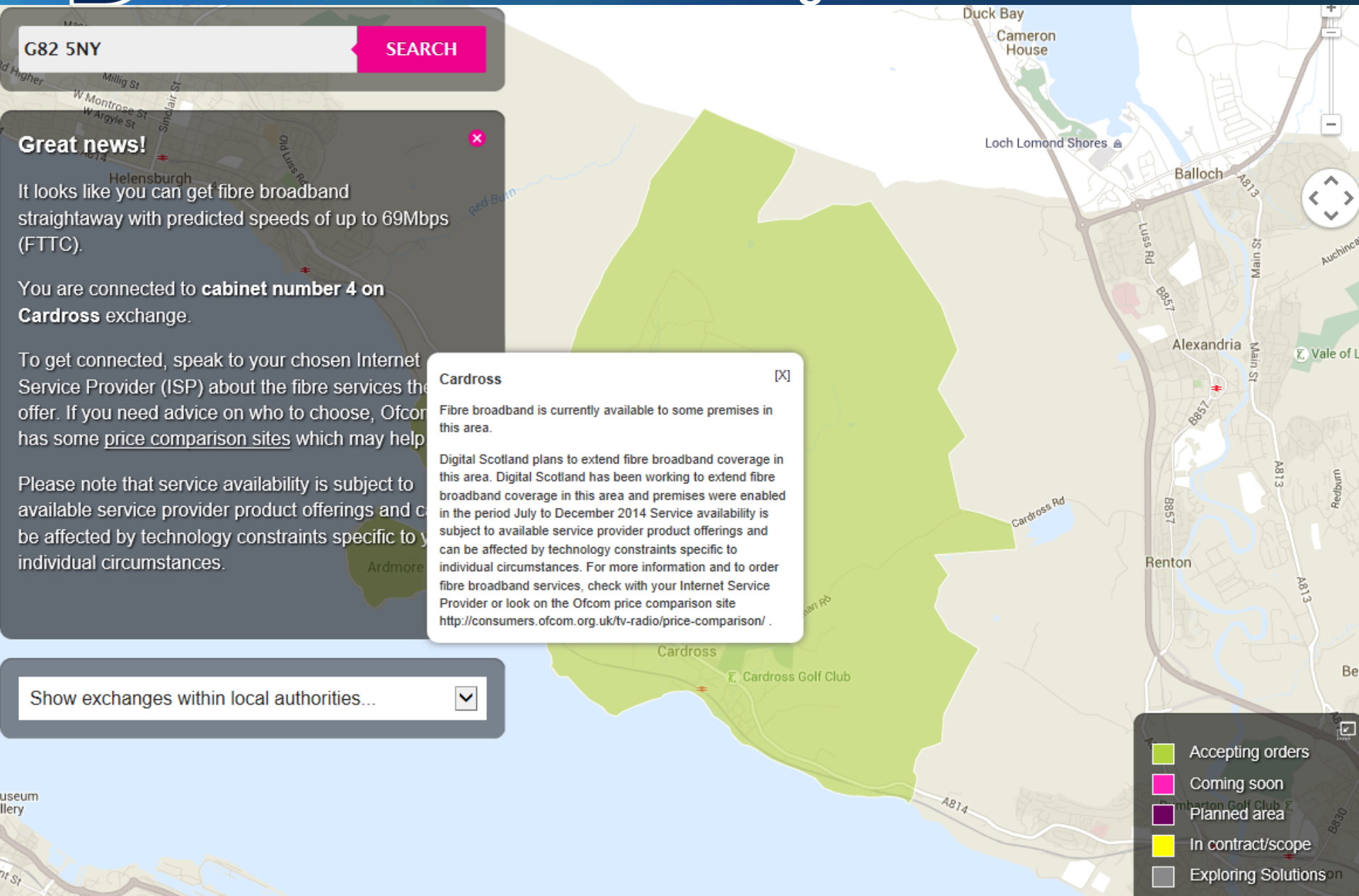

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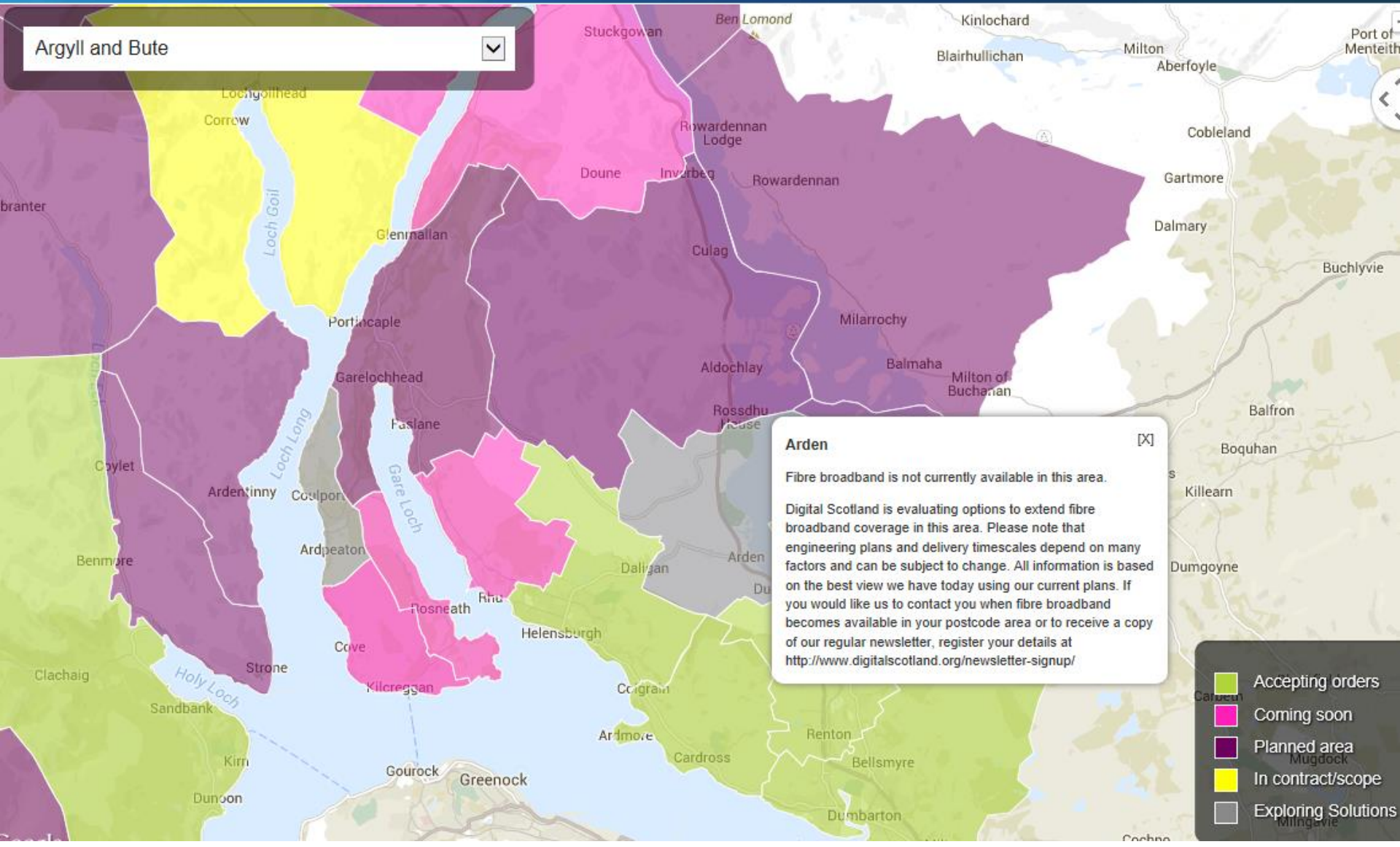

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Enquiries

- Website
  - Postcode/Phoneline Checker
  - Interactive Map
  - Website Enquiry Form
  - In The Loop – Digital Scotland Newsletter
- Detailed Enquiries
  - Via Duncan Nisbet, Scottish Government
  - Via Anna Watkiss, Argyll and Bute Council
- Online
  - Twitter: @ScotSuperfast
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Member Support

- Managing Expectations
  - Rollout will take 4 years
  - Priority to ensure value for money
  - New developments required to meet longer term ambitions
- Benefits Realisation
  - Programme will deliver significant social and economic benefits
  - Customer take-up of services is crucial
- Information Sharing
  - Project plans are subject to change
  - Digitalscotland.org updated weekly

Discussion

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