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OBSERVATIONS ON RURAL BROADBAND- submissions sought

Dear sirs,

Our village came together to discuss the issue of broadband and I attach a copy of letter with maps.

Our area is in a LIGHT BLUE area on the SEA map - (i.e. an area where Eir has committed to commercial rural deployment plans to rollout high speed broadband to 300,000 premises by the end of 2018). Total Nonsense, the distance from the local cabinet to our village is 5.3km, this is far too far for usable bandwidth to be achieved. This inaccuracy is reflected in dozens and dozens of locations on the map.

If the Government is going to provide maps, giving "hope" to rural areas then it should ensure that those maps are not wholly misleading.

Broadband is a basic necessity like water and roads and sewerage and it needs to given similar importance in the national agenda, and perhaps emergency legislation in the national interest is needed.

Rural ireland is eroding year by year and the longer this process takes the worse it is going to get. You just have to look to rural Italy and Spain to see where this is leading.....rural abandonment and dereliction. Broadband has a large part to play in this.

Yours etc

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To whom it may concern

I am a resident of Loughnavally Co Westmeath a village in county Westmeath with a population including hinterland of circa 300 people..

It is noted with interest the reference in The Journal.ie last year that the worst service for broadband in Ireland is alleged to be Legan, County Longford with a download rate of 1.98Mb. Based on a survey completed by Switcher.ie

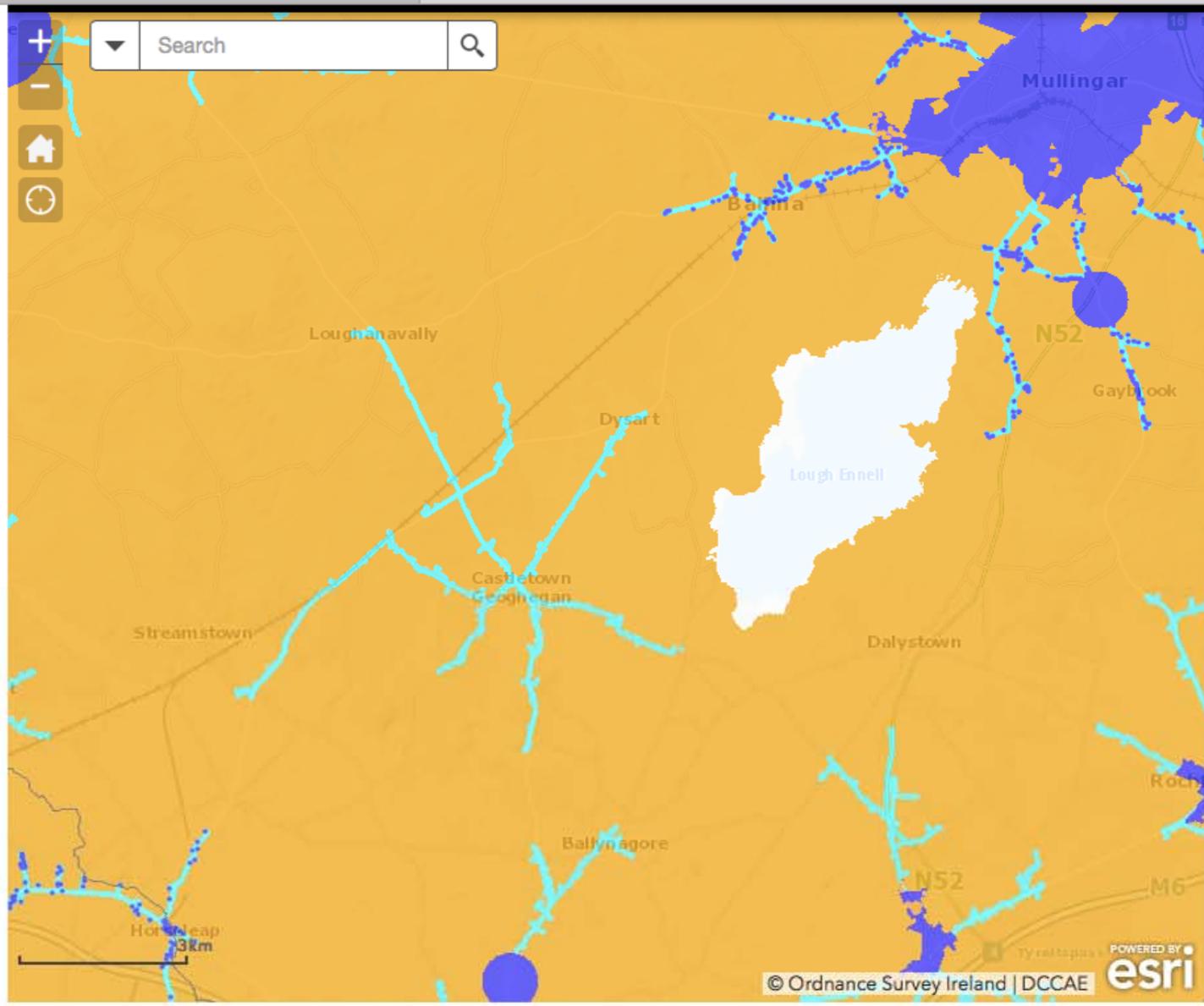
Tests in our village show the download rate to be consistently of circa 0.5 MB. In fact due to poor download within the village it impossible to note our results using speedtest in order to officially record our poor download speed with Switcher.ie.

It is noted from the updated high speed broadband map that it is alleged that High speed broadband will make its way to our village or (a very small part of it according to the map) by end 2018. When in fact the truth of the matter is that the contention rate will reduce to such an extent in the **5.3km** from the Castletown Geogheghan cabinet (from where it supposed to come) that any service that might reach Loughnavalley will be less than 2MB and probably as low as 1MB. A complete waste of time. I attach copy SEA map for your reference and this map is clearly misleading indicating that some form of serviceable broadband could be available to part of our village, when this is not the case.

MY OBSERVATION IS THAT THE HIGH SPEED BROADBAND MAP IS CLEARLY MISLEADING AND ENSURES THAT COMMUNITIES SUCH AS OURS WILL BE LEFT INDEFINITELY WITHOUT SERVICE.

Yours etc.

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Map updates use the latest version of GeoDirectory which are revised every three months. As a result, the number of premises in all areas of the Map, including the LIGHT BLUE areas, may change from version to version. Changes might arise because of inaccuracies found and corrected or because premises become derelict or demolished (net reduction) or new buildings get built (net increase). If your premises footprint is not on the map please let the [Ordnance Survey Ireland \(OSi\)](#) know.