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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 <u>Journal.ie</u> 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 <u>Switcher.ie</u>

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 <u>Switcher.ie.</u>

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 Geogheghancabinet (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. XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX Sent from my iPhone