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Look out for our new campaign!

Our exciting new ‘Up your street’ advertising campaign is now live promoting the Scottish Government’s Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband (DSSB) programme. As part of the campaign, we have seen the number of people coming on board to use our interactive checker to see whether they can get it. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the benefits of superfast broadband, as well as invite people to sign up at the Show to stay ‘in the loop.’

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