We seem to have plenty of statistics on the number of homes not covered by broadband but none on the number of homes with minimal broadband speeds i.e. below 500 Kbps. Whilst it is important that access be made available to all, I suspect that a far greater number of homes fall into the latter category.

In my area, only 35 miles from Aberdeen, we were late in getting broadband and, because of closure of local telephone exchanges, many homes receive a barely usable speed - being so far from their exchange. Nothing has been done by BT to upgrade the infrastructure since making the service available and, as more and more homes are connected, speeds have kept dropping.