

Agenda Item 23 Broadband service within the villages

A complaint has been received from a resident of Went Way regarding inadequate broadband services. A fibre connection is being arranged from the exchange to a cabinet but there is no plan to extend that to individual homes.

Openreach website confirms that there are no plans to address this problem in the village.

He believes that this does not meet the Government Project Gigabit Initiative especially for more out of town areas.

The resident has contacted the MP and county and district councillors in this respect.

I note from the previous minutes that £500 has been allocated to Crowlink broadband services for their “self-supply” arrangements.

Are councillors aware of any further cabinet to exchange connections in East Dean and Friston? If that is the case it may be possible to persuade an independent fibre provider to consider the provision to a number of homes.

I believe BT’s monopoly ends at the cabinet.

Alternatively, simulating the approach of Crowlink may be the best solution.

Proposal: To consider potential actions to expedite broadband provision within the village.

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