



Super Slow Broadband for Mickleham on the 01372 Telephone Exchange

Update September 2015

In our last update we reported that the response to our petition to Surrey County Council was that we had to wait for a second Open Market Review (OMR). We have now received a copy of the following information on this second Open Market Review from the Surrey Superfast Broadband Project.

"Surrey County Council is now undertaking a second Open Market Review (OMR) (the first OMR took place in 2012). This is the only way to establish a clear understanding of the latest position regarding existing and planned fibre coverage throughout the county. The review will identify all premises throughout Surrey both in the IA and the commercial rollout areas that are without a fibre broadband connection or those covered by the fibre network but unable to access a fibre service with download speeds of 15mbps or above.

Surrey County Council will be seeking State Aid Approval for plans to further extend broadband coverage across the County within the constraints of available funding following a process laid down by Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK).

The first stage of the OMR, which involved requesting current and future broadband coverage information from existing infrastructure providers has finished and the checking process is underway. This will take a number of weeks and once the broadband coverage and speed responses are analysed, a map will be produced and uploaded to the Superfast Surrey website as part of the public consultation process. This stage, which is anticipated to be during Autumn 2015, will be the opportunity for residents, businesses as well as any other infrastructure providers to contact the Superfast Surrey team by email to provide additional information that may further inform the understanding of broadband coverage across the County.

Following the public consultation phase, the Superfast Surrey team will then agree with BT Group, as part of the existing contract and within the constraints of available funding and any clawback, how to target those areas identified as not having current or proposed broadband coverage or access to download speeds of 15 Mbps or above. The proposed deployment must be signed off by Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) as being compliant with State Aid Funding regulations before any deployment can commence.

The OMR, analysis of responses, mapping, public consultation and development of a new deployment plan will take many months and whether or not residents who are currently unable to access a fibre service will benefit from any subsequent deployment will not be known until the above process is completed....."

We will let you know once the public consultation process has started and what action is required.

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