

Superfast Broadband for East Sussex Update – June 2013

We are delighted to announce that we signed a contract with BT on Friday 31st May to bring better broadband to East Sussex over the next 3 years. This is fantastic news and a significant milestone for the project.

We originally set out to deliver superfast speeds to at least 90% of premises and we are delighted that we've been able to work with BT on plans which will deliver far more.

The deal between BT and the County Council builds on BT's on-going fibre broadband rollout which means that 96% of homes and businesses are expected to be able to access superfast broadband services (24 megabits per second and above) within the next 3 years.

Overall, the project will deliver fibre broadband coverage to 99% of premises meaning that speeds will be much improved.

The £35m project will also ensure that every property in East Sussex is able to access a broadband service of at least 2mbps by 2016.

It is too early to give more details of the deployment. BT needs to carry out planning work and site surveys to confirm exactly which post codes will be covered by this project and when rollout will commence. We anticipate the improved broadband service to start being available in parts of the county towards the end of the year, with more areas set to be upgraded in phases over the next three years. Planning and surveying work will continue in each of the phases.

We will be keeping communities informed as we know more ourselves.

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