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 Subject: BT WINS!! Barford Superfast Broadband MAY/JUNE UPDATE

Please circulate this to all your Barford contacts.

To those who have been kind enough to complete surveys, thank you, there is no need to complete another. However, please encourage anyone who hasn't completed a survey to do so - it will help winning more funding.

THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN - SCROLL DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS MESSAGE - THANK YOU ALL - A VERY GOOD LEVEL OF RESPONSE FROM BARFORD RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES.

To those who have searched for cabinets or delivered leaflets, thank you.

To those responsible for the Barford Website - thank you for your continued support - please post this update.

To those responsible for PLURALITY - please publish this update - if you would like more information, please let me know by return email.



Superfast broadband: To 91% and beyond . . . !

A £14.57 million project to transform broadband speeds for homes and businesses across Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire was announced today [6th June 2013].

CSW Broadband, a partnership of eight local authorities led by Warwickshire County Council, has agreed a deal with BT to help deliver superfast fibre broadband to around 91 per cent of premises by Spring 2016.

The deal was celebrated at a launch event at Warwick's historic Lord Leycester Hospital

that was attended by many of the Local Broadband Champions who have helped the project, together with ex-servicemen who reside at the facility.

The project will build on BT's on-going commercial investment in fibre across the area, which has already pledged to bring faster fibre broadband to more than 1.7 million homes and businesses across the counties of the West Midlands by the end of Spring 2014 as part of its UK-wide £2.5 billion programme.

As a result of today's new partnership around a further 40,000 premises should have access to broadband speeds of 24Mbps and above by the end of the project.

On completion of the rollout, the aim is for all premises within Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire to receive a minimum of 2Mbps but with a vast majority achieving higher speeds well in excess of this.

The project will transform broadband speeds across the partnership areas narrowing the bandwidth gap between urban and rural areas. According to Ofcom, Warwickshire's average downstream speed is currently around 12Mbps whilst approximately 13 per cent of the population receive less than 2Mbps.

BT was awarded the contract following a procurement exercise through the Government's Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) framework. The company is contributing £5.67m towards fibre deployment in "non-commercial" areas whilst the CSW Broadband Project is contributing £4.45 - £3m from Warwickshire and the balance coming from other local authorities - with a further £4.45m coming from BDUK funds.

Openreach, BT's local network division, will now begin the work on the ground with engineers surveying locations around the county and analysing the best way to roll out the network across the county. Following initial planning and survey, the CSW Broadband Project should be in a position to connect the first premises in early 2014..

Fibre to the Cabinet will be the main technology deployed. This delivers wholesale downstream speeds of up to 80Mbps and upstream speeds of up to 20Mbps. Fibre to the Premises technology – delivering speeds of up to 330Mbps – will also be deployed in certain areas and will be available on demand throughout the whole of the fibre footprint should local businesses want the ultra-fast speed it offers.

Speaking on behalf of CSW Broadband, Warwickshire County Council's Deputy Leader, Cllr Alan Cockburn, said: "This is a major landmark in securing the future competitiveness of our area. We have been working for a long time to get to this stage and, thanks to the information provided to the team by our local broadband champions and by residents and communities we have been able to negotiate the best possible deal.

"Good broadband connections are essential to modern life, whether for work, leisure or learning. Our rural businesses need broadband to be able to compete in today's increasingly global environment, and in a rural area like Warwickshire travelling can often be difficult, so that being able to work or learn from home can make a real difference to the quality of peoples' lives."

Bill Murphy, Managing Director, BT Next Generation Access, added: "The Normandy landings marked a turning point in world history so it is fitting that we are signing this contract here at the Lord Leycester Hospital, which is home to many ex-servicemen."

"In its own small way the launch of fibre broadband marks a historical turning point, albeit a technological one, for this region, bringing a host of economic and social benefits."

“The economy of Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire has seen considerable change, with the emergence of more knowledge-based businesses and changes to the manufacturing base of the area, which is embracing new technologies and new ways of working. These are where future growth will be but only with a world-class communications infrastructure to support them which is where fibre broadband will play a vital role.”

BT’s network will be open to all communications providers (CPs) on an equal wholesale basis – currently around 80 CPs are using fibre over BT’s network - and so consumers and businesses will benefit from a highly competitive market, in turn bringing greater choice and affordable prices.

For local businesses, the fibre broadband network will underpin the introduction of many new services and applications. Users will be able to run multiple bandwidth-hungry applications at the same time and receive large amounts of data much more quickly and efficiently. Computer processing and storage of files will also become more sophisticated and secure using “cloud computing” technology. There will be faster back up of computer systems and wider use of high quality video conferencing within firms and between them and their customers.

Barford Survey Returns:

Barford Businesses 22
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BUSINESSES

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05/26/2011 Barford CV35 8AQ 6224Kbps 352Kbps
 04/02/2012 Barford CV35 8DS 1335 370
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 04/04/2012 Barford CV35 8ET 6912 kbps 250 kbps
 04/04/2012 Barford CV35 8BU 4030 333
 04/15/2012 Barford CV35 8DD 1970 kbps 381 kbps
 04/30/2012 Barford CV35 8DX
 05/01/2012 Barford CV35 8ED 4871 372
 05/03/2012 Barford CV35 8BU 5411 kbps (676kB/s) 699 kbps (87.4kB/s)
 05/07/2012 Barford CV35 8BY 2001 kbps 330 kbps
 07/20/2012 Barford CV35 8EN 6990 381
 07/20/2012 Barford CV35 8EP 6916 358
 07/20/2012 Barford CV35 8BU 6900 380
 07/22/2012 Barford CV35 8DS 6887 372
 07/23/2012 Barford CV35 8BU 6.27 Mbps 0.42 Mbps
 07/24/2012 Barford CV35 8BU 5.1 0.3
 10/10/2012 Barford CV35 8AQ 4231kbs but drops dramatically through day 300kbs
 11/09/2012 Barford CV35 8DD 3.4Mb .5Mb
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 02/21/2013 Barford CV35 8ET 6728 371

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 10/18/2011 Barford CV35 8BP 6672 kbps 376 kbps
 10/19/2011 Barford CV35 8DE 5678 376
 02/17/2012 Barford CV35 8EX
 02/18/2012 Barford CV35 8BU 6534 377
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