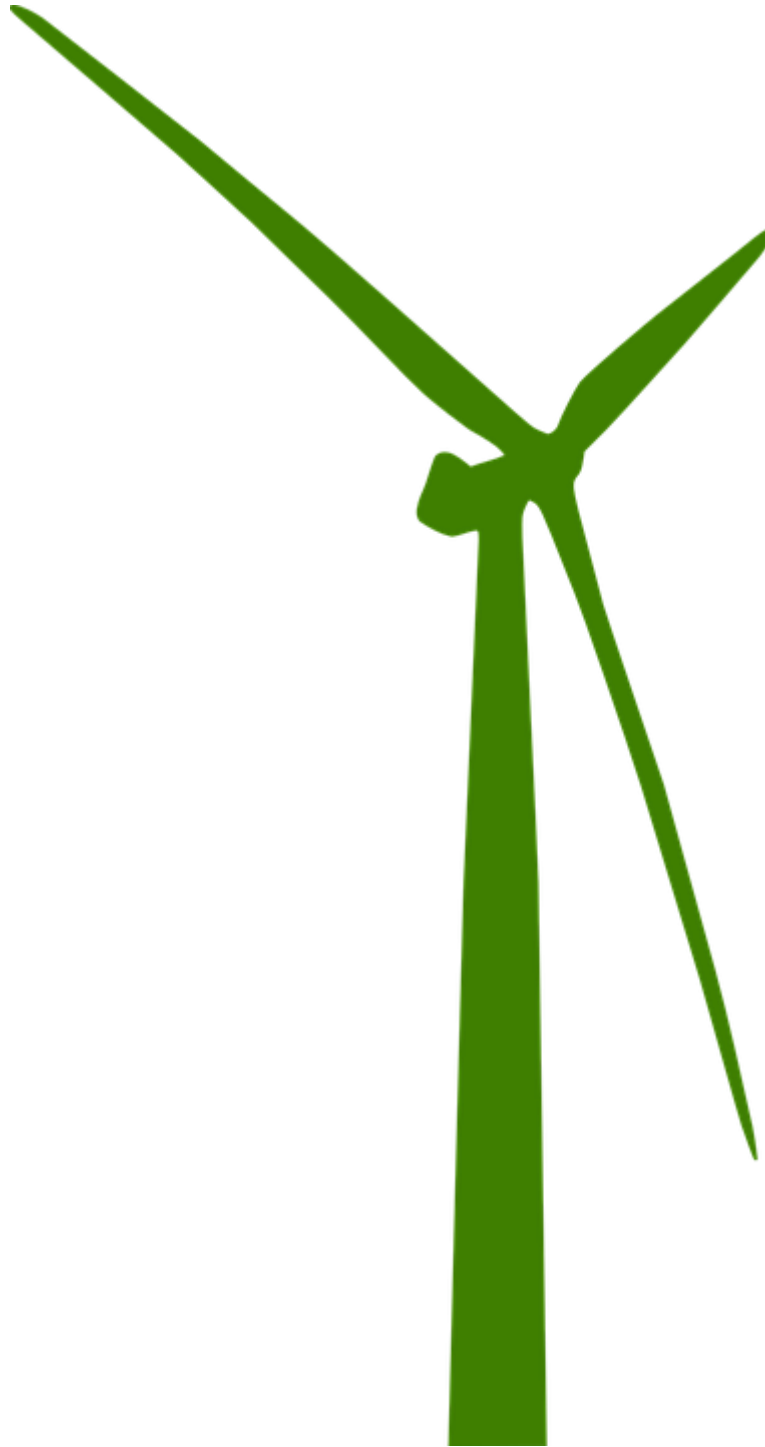


Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community
FTTP (fibre to the premises)
Speeds up to 330Mbps



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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO ACCESS ULTRAFAST BROADBAND

AS A COMMUNITY we have an opportunity to join together and take forward an ambitious plan to bring “Fibre to the Premises” to every household and business in the Community that wants to participate. At this point I am trying to establish what the demand would be. If the response is good, I intend to lead the process for the community.

Please read through this letter. I am sorry it is so long but hopefully it will provide most of the information you need to decide if you want to be part of this exciting plan. Please return the form by 01/11/18 so I can ‘start the ball rolling’.

WHAT IS FIBRE TO THE PREMISES? Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) is fibre broadband brought directly to your property from the exchange through a fibre optic line capable of speeds up to 330Mbps via multiple Communication Providers. The fibre itself is actually capable of speeds up to 1Gbps if needed but this would require a leased Line type order (Ethernet). The point being its future proof.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL FTTP MAKE TO MY BROADBAND? Our existing Broadband comes through fibre and copper or copper only cabling from the exchange. The signal deteriorates the further from the exchange your copper cabling is. Properties that are close to the exchange get faster, more reliable broadband. A lot of the copper wiring is very old and prone to problems which in turn slow down or sometimes stop the broadband syncing altogether.

HOW WOULD FTTP BE FINANCED? Openreach, a division of BT Group that look after the fibre, wires and cables that connect the country, describe FTTP as future proof, and are working with communities not yet covered by the Scottish Government ‘roll out’ programme to help them get access to high speed broadband.

As part of their Community Fibre Partnership (CFP) the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) are currently offering a contribution of £500 per domestic property and £3,000 per SME (small to medium enterprise) towards the cost of the project. This includes SOLE Traders. The stipulation to the contribution is quite simply placing a 100Mbps product order with your preferred provider. THE FUNDS ARE NOT ENDLESS so the sooner we input our interest the better.

The more households and businesses that participate the greater the contribution that will be made. This contribution is project managed by Openreach and DCMS. It is only available as an agreed plan and is not a cash payment to the properties involved. There will probably be a ‘gap’ between the contribution from Openreach and the final cost. Until we receive the proposal from Openreach we don’t know what that gap will be but there are various additional funding opportunities we can apply for.

There are approximately 3500 people in our community “Eaglesham and Waterfoot”. I estimate approx 1000 premise. Some properties might already have their own high-speed

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broadband arrangements – satellite, leased line or are simply happy enough with their existing service and that's OK, however it be more cost efficient to move to FTTP.

SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF FTTP BROADBAND

Property prices are increasingly being influenced by what Broadband is available, FTTP may well increase the value of your property in the event you sell. Or to put it another way, lack of broadband could make a sale more difficult. ? Increased house rental attraction ? Reliable video links enable: ? more opportunities to work from home ? reduced fuel expenditure ? face to face remote family connectivity. Skype, WhatsApp etc ? On line connectivity for your child learning abilities ? On line gaming ? Reliable video streaming for movie buffs ? Faster Upload capabilities ? VioP calling features ? No land line requirement

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? At this stage you are only expressing interest and are not entering into any commitment. Initially we need to establish what interest there is. Openreach will then develop and cost a 'solution' as a starting point.

If the project is feasible and we decide to proceed then you do have to commit. In order to claim the voucher you will have to sign up to an Ultrafast Broadband package with a provider of your choice when the project is completed. Prices are slightly more than at present (approx £20 more) but the benefits, as detailed above, are immense. There are several providers and as FTTP becomes more commonplace there are bound to be more providers offering more competitive packages.

WHAT DO I DO NOW? If you are interested in having ultrafast broadband in your home or business then please complete and return the enclosed form. The information you provide will only be shared with Openreach who use it for the purposes of drawing up a proposal and providing a cost for installing FttP. E&Wcc will use the information provided to let you know what progress is being made. You will NOT be bombarded with calls or emails! When we know how many properties want to be included and Openreach provide the costs we will get back in touch with everyone who responded – wherever possible by email. We will also put updates on the Community Facebook page (Eaglesham and Waterfoot community council). Take a peek – They do some fantastic work in helping the community in many ways.

If it looks as though FTTP is an affordable opportunity for us then an open meeting would be arranged locally with Openreach so more details and information can be shared: alternate funding, voucher contribution, concerns, timescales etc.

Thank you for reading to this point. E&Wcc are very excited at the possibility of bringing this opportunity to the Community and working together to make it happen!

Kind Regards – *Gordon* (FTTP community lead)

On behalf of Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council (E&WCC)

Please respond by 01/11/18 – I look forward to being bombarded with letters!

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Fibre to The Premises – No Obligation – No commitment – Purely interest

Please complete and return this form if you are interested in finding out more

Name:

Email:

Residential

Address -

Postcode -

Phone number -

Business

Business Name –

Company reg number: SC

Sole Trader – yes or no:

Address -

Postcode -

Phone number -

Please return this form on or before 01/11/18

Email: ewccbroadband@gmail.com

Please share this with friends, family & neighbours

Details given will only be used for this project