

Faster

shire Community Broadband Grant

Allensmore Community Meeting

20/07/2022

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Welcome & Agenda



- Aiming for 30mins
- Ask questions in the chat box
- Contact grants@fastershire.com if something occurs to you later
- Recordings and slides available from tomorrow

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Fastershire Background



- Partnership between Herefordshire & Gloucestershire Councils Established 2011
- Conduit for Public funding to overcome market failure to provide **superfast** broadband
 - Monitor Market Failure
 - Raise Public Funding
 - Invest in Solutions
 - Comply with State Aid
 - Manage Suppliers

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Fastershire Community Grant

General Concept



- Community led - Fastershire facilitate the procurement & payments
- Nominal Grants to individuals to procure gigabit capable Open Access broadband infrastructure
 - max limit per premise £7,000 in Herefordshire
 - subject to a VFM test & max total project maximum of £500k
- 2 Step Process
 - Dynamic Purchasing System - Supplier Qualification
 - Mini-Competitions for each project using a grant portal hosted on Fastershire.com

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Our Suppliers



All suppliers working on the Community Broadband Grant Scheme must;

- Provide gigabit-capable Full Fibre / Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) connections
- Be an Open Access Network
- Set a standard wholesale price which applies to any Internet Service Provider (ISP) operating on their network

Current suppliers are;



The FasterShire Community Broadband Grant remains open to any network supplier who wish to join the scheme.

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Map of Grant Area

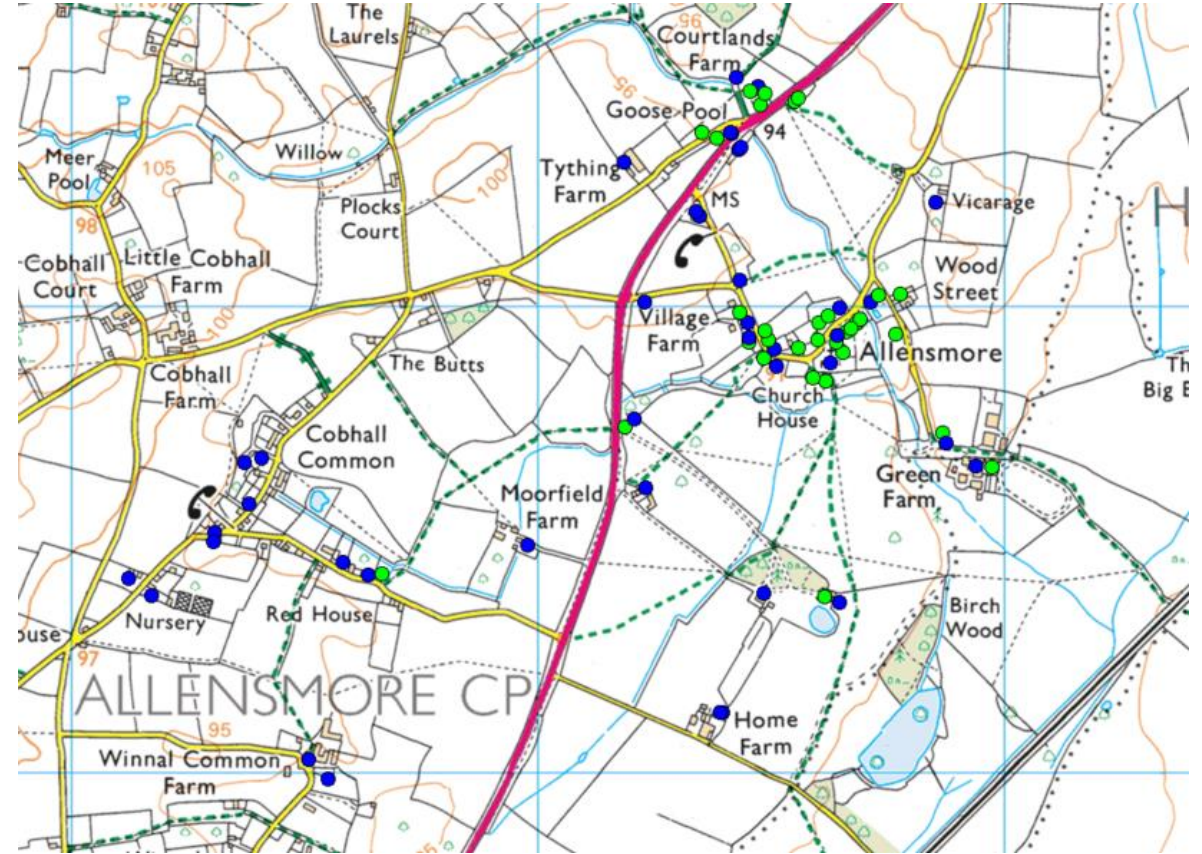
There are approx. 74 properties we believe could form part of this community project.



32 Received Expression of Interest (EOI)



42 Yet to submit EOI



How to Submit an EOI

Only one EOI per property and if you have already completed the EOI form for your property, please do not submit another.

Step 1: Visit www.fastershire.com

Step 2: Use the address checker, enter your postcode and then select your address

Step 3: Complete the EOI form shown and 'submit'

The screenshot shows the Fastershire website interface. At the top, the 'welcome to faster' logo is on the left, and a navigation menu includes 'Address checker' (highlighted with a red circle), 'Broadband Explained', 'Benefits', 'Support & Training', 'Rollout', and 'About'. A 'Grant Portal' button is in the top right. Below the navigation, a large 'Welcome to Faster' heading is visible. A modal window titled 'Fastershire Community Broadband Grant' is open, featuring a search bar with a dropdown arrow, 'Go' and 'Reset' buttons, and a close button. The modal content includes the following text and form fields:

Fastershire Community Broadband Grant

We recognise that your property still requires access to faster broadband.

Fastershire hopes to use the Community Broadband Grant scheme to try and provide properties, such as yours, with access to faster broadband.

For more information about the grant, please [click here](#).

To register, please complete the Expression of Interest form below.

First name *	Last name *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email address *	Phone number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Postcode *	Address
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Your Commitment



This is a community lead scheme and requires active involvement from each property who submits an EOI to join the Allensmore community project.

- Attend the community meetings
- Choose the supplier
- Return the contract agreement as soon as possible
 - Confirm when your property is connected so we can pay the supplier on your behalf
 - Take a service to 18months when the connection is live

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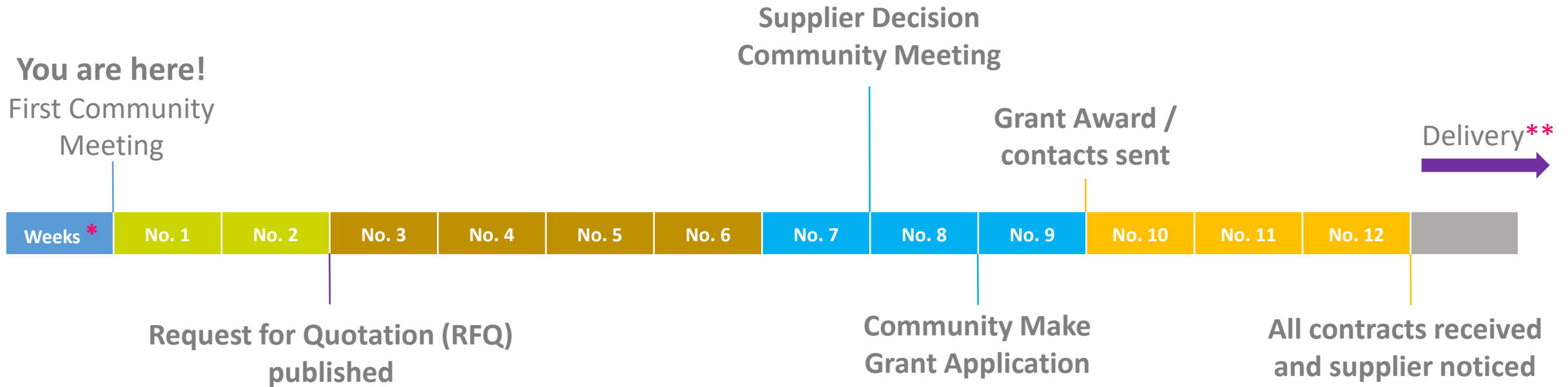


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What happens now...



Key	
	Collecting supporting information and for other properties to register before the RFQ deadline
	Tender period - Suppliers have 28 days to view the RFQ and submit bids for this contract
	Grant decision period
	Contracting period - Community to returned their signed contracts for the project to proceed

* Indicative timescale only and relies of full community participation and supplier(s) bidding

** Delivery timescale determined by suppliers' bids

Information we need Before we Publish

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Community Lead



We need a volunteer to act as the Community Lead for the Allensmore Community Broadband Project

The role is act as a local go between to

- Disseminate information and
- Represent the wider participant group when communicating with FasterShire and the Suppliers

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Long Drives



- By default the Bid will be costed to bring the service to the curtilage of each property that is part of the project
- We need to specify a zero cost connection to anyone who is more than 100m from the highway and/or can only be accessed up a long / private drive

Information we need from you:

- Who owns the land
- Will they provide a free wayleave
- Are there any conditions e.g. verge only, underground only etc
- How is the existing copper delivered
 - Poles
 - Ducts
 - Directly buried

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Questions