

Codrington Internet Petition

Status - 4th March 2016

Many thanks for all of your signatures. We have around 70 signatures from about 60 properties that includes around 24 small businesses!

Claire Young has been helping us out with this. We have presented the Petition to a South Gloucestershire full council meeting. We have also had an article in the Gazette published which is attached. We have talked with the local council broadband people and Bill Murphy of BT. They say there is some more money being made available to upgrade more areas in South Gloucestershire.

I have attached some documents produced to help describe the issues and provide a technical route for fixing the issue.

The local council are having a Internet/Broadband briefing meeting on the 14th March. Members of the public can't go, but parish councillors can. So I am giving a short presentation to the Dodington Parish council on Wednesday 9th. I am hoping some of them will help make our case or at least be informed of the status.

I haven't heard anything else from the council or BT. Any other ideas for pushing this ? The council/BT will make up their mind on what areas will benefit from the next chunk of funding sometime soon (they have said Easter) so pushing just before this is probably the best we can do at the moment.

12/8/15	Emails to Luke Hall, Clare Young, Local Council, Parish Council, BT
18/8/15	Local Council: "we can confirm that Codrington is part of the Phase 2 'Intervention Area"
24/9/15	Investigated "Connections Voucher Scheme". Codrington's Postcodes were not on the list. Claire Young helped get our postcodes added. However the "Connections Voucher Scheme" was coming to an end and there did not seem to be a way it would help us anyway.
18/11/15	Local Council: "At the moment, cabinet Chipping Sodbury 29 is not in the current plans to be upgraded to fibre as part of the council's Phase 2 project"
20/1/16	Check out BT Community Project, Virgin Media
22/1/16	Virgin Media: I've had a look at the address below and we aren't able to get to you with broadband at this stage.
2/2/16	Meeting between Codrington people and Claire Young. Decided to instigate a Petition and get some media attention in the Gazette first.
11/2/16	Contacted some other possible providers: Gigaclear etc.
17/2/16	Petition presented to a full South Gloucestershire council meeting. Petition had approximately 60 properties of which 17 were small businesses.
21/2/16	Email sent to local council, department of culture, media and sport and BT

22/2/16	Replies from local council and Bill Murphy of BT. BT said they would investigate and said there was an additional chunk of money being made available.
24/2/16	List of addresses, and landline numbers sent to BT to investigate costs
3/3/16	Gazette article published
9/3/16	Dodington parish council meeting
14/3/16	South Gloucestershire local council broadband briefing

Area	Codrington, south of Chipping Sodbury
Contact name	Dr Terry Barnaby
Email	terry@beam.ltd.uk
Number of signatures	Approx 70
Number of properties	Approx 60
Number of these that have businesses activities	Approx 24
People affected	Businesses and employees, families
BT/Openreach cabinet (most are served by this)	29
Document on providing Codrington with Internet	Codrington Internet Provision