

**NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022 AT 7.30pm  
AT ROFFEY MILLENNIUM HALL**

**CLERK'S REPORT TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AGENDA  
Numbers relate to those on the agenda.**

**1. Public Forum**

The Public Forum will last for a period of up to 15 minutes during which members of the public may put questions to the Council or draw attention to relevant matters relating to the business on the agenda. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes. Business of the meeting will start immediately following the public forum or at 7.45pm whichever is the earlier.

**3. Declaration of Interests**

Members are advised to consider the Agenda for the meeting and determine in advance if they may have a **Personal, Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Registrable Interest** in any of the Agenda items. If a Member decides they do have a declarable interest, they are reminded that the interest and the nature of the interest must be declared at the commencement of the consideration of the Agenda item; or when the interest becomes apparent to them. Details of the interest will be minuted.

If the interest is a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**, Members are reminded that they must take no part in the discussions of the item at all; or participate in any voting; and must withdraw from the meeting chamber, unless they have received a dispensation.

Where you have an **Other Registrable Interest** (which is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest), Members are reminded that they must withdraw from the meeting chamber after making representations or asking questions.

**5. Chairman's Announcements**

1. Lists of planning compliance cases received from Horsham District Council (HDC) since 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 has been circulated to members of the Planning Committee.

**6. CityFibre**

CityFibre launched their [FTTH \(full fibre to the home\) programme in Horsham](#) in Oct 2021.

The infrastructure is forecast to boost business productivity, deliver millions of pounds in economic benefits for the town, while giving local residents and businesses access to the UK's fastest broadband services of up to 1,000 megabits per second.

Construction is underway, with a current focus to complete build in the following wards in 2022: Forest, Roffey South & Roffey North, Denne and Trafalgar. This is subject to change. CityFibre's build partner in Horsham is Lanes-i. The project is due to complete by 2023/4, however, residents will be connected as they go along.

Their network is open access, any service provider can join and offer their services – national, regional and local providers are already on their network. As they reach key milestones and the number of 'ready for service' homes grows, internet service providers (ISPs) will be ready to serve these homes and deliver some of the fastest and best value broadband packages available in the country. Residents can register their interest here – <https://cityfibre.com/homes/build>.

It is recognised that the work is disruptive for residents, and they aim to get through areas as quickly and efficiently as possible. Lanes-i drops 'notice letters' a week prior to works commencing in each area.

The stakeholders briefing document is attached (Annex 1) and a stakeholder brochure can be viewed here:

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## **7. Homes England – West of Ifield Development**

The Save West of Ifield community group gave a brief presentation at the Planning Environment and Transport (PET) Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and were seeking the Parish Councils views regarding Homes England's planning proposal for an additional 10,000 homes between Horsham and Crawley. At the PET committee meeting the Parish Council supported the community group's plan for there to be a public meeting regarding the development however, required additional time to assess its position.

At the PET Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 the Committee responded to the original consultation, highlighting concerns regarding the wider impact the development will generate; increased transport movements, depletion of environmental assets and the subsequent affects this imposes, particularly in relation to drainage issues for the southwest of Horsham.

Follow the link for more information about the development -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/west-of-ifield>. Please note that the consultation closed on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

## **8. WSCC Post-16 Transport Consultation**

The Policy Statement sets out the help that is available through the council, schools, colleges and transport operators for young people of sixth-form age and those who are 19+ with an Education Health and Care Plan to get to school or college. It includes information about:

- fares and concessions;
- the Council's home to school/college transport policy for learners with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND); and
- contact details for schools and colleges.

The consultation is available online – <https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/post-16-transport-policy-statement>.

#### **9. Street Naming in the north of Horsham development**

An additional street name application has been requested for the development north of Horsham. 'Bastion Road' has been requested – location plan (Annex 2).

'Bastion Road' is not on the previously approved 'names for use' list previously approved by the Parish Council.

HDC may request the Parish Council to respond before 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022. In this case the item will be dealt with by delegated decision.

#### **10. A24 Worthing to Horsham Feasibility Design**

Cllr R. Turner attended webinar meeting on 17th February 2022 where WSCC presented the feasibility designs for potential improvements to the A24 Worthing to Horsham corridor. As WSCC requested attendees feedback by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022, Cllr R. Turner provided this (Annex 3). At the time of writing the report, responses are still required from some of the delegated members of the Council to approve the feedback to be issued to WSCC.

#### **11. Planning Appeals**

There are no Planning Appeals.

# **Annex 1**

# Full fibre and what it means for residents in Horsham



## CityFibre is bringing full fibre to Horsham

Broadband is one of those things we can't live without. Unlike our water and energy networks, our digital infrastructure often lets us down and improvements have been limited by its age – until now.

**CityFibre is building a new full fibre infrastructure which will give Horsham the digital foundation it needs to thrive today, tomorrow and in years to come. We call our build locations Gigabit Cities and launched the Gigabit Horsham project in 2021.**

### Why full fibre?

Full marks, full coverage, full service – we believe the full version is always better. That's why the digital infrastructure we're building uses 100% fibre optic technology to carry data at Gigabit speed all the way to the home.

Your residents may think they already have fibre broadband but it's likely there's a copper line from the cabinet on their street to their home. This fibre-to-the-cabinet (FTTC) connection is left vulnerable to Mother Nature – even slight temperature changes or rain can affect it.

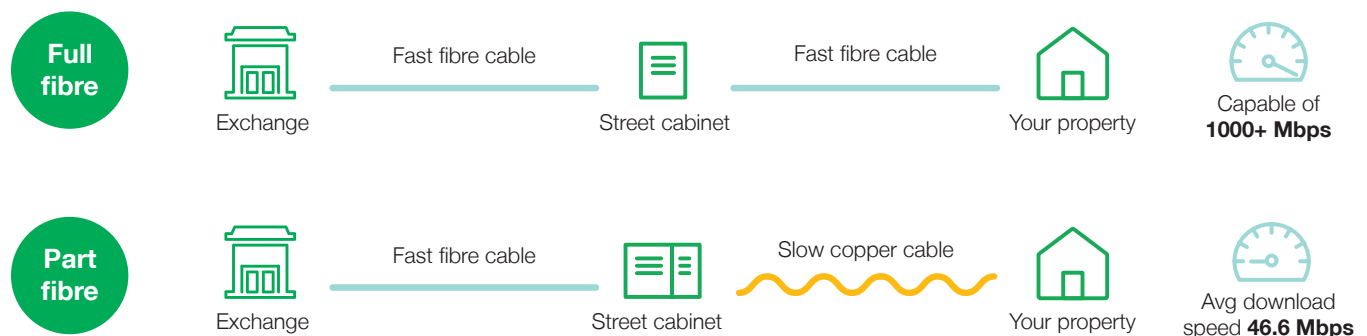
Full fibre, or **fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP)** as it's also called, is like a pristine open highway with no bumps in sight. The fibre cables are made from glass, which is highly resistant to water and electromagnetic interference.

A full fibre connection is **more reliable, durable and less prone to faults**. It's also much faster and uses less energy.

### How will it benefit Horsham?

From everyday internet users, home workers to public services and businesses – our full fibre network delivers fast, reliable connectivity for everyone. It will help **level up digital access, boost efficiency, spark innovation, and drive economic growth**.

It also opens doors to smart city technologies. Imagine Horsham and the devices in it, working in unison to make the environment better and citizens safer.



## What will the build involve?



CityFibre's hybrid build delivers a **faster build, lower carbon footprint, lower deployment costs and fewer resident complaints**. Our hybrid approach means we use existing ducts and poles whenever possible, combined with modern construction techniques such as narrow trenching. It's about choosing the **most practical and least disruptive option** on a street by street basis.

Typically our contractors are **outside each property for about two days**. We make sure your residents have access to their property, and we leave the street as close to the original surface as possible. Watch and share our [construction video](#) to see our how we build.

## How does CityFibre engage with residents?



We feel strongly about good connections and feel the same about connecting with your residents. Engaging directly allows us to **inform them about the build**, answer their questions, and create excitement about the possibilities our new digital infrastructure will bring.

Our robust communications program includes door knocking, letter dropping, advertising, digital marketing, social media, news and local events (when possible). Four weeks before we start work on their street, we deliver a leaflet about the build to each home, plus a reminder one week before.

## How can you help?



We need to work together to future proof Horsham one street at a time.

You can help **raise awareness of the Gigabit Horsham project** by sharing news of our build and encouraging your residents to register their interest on [cityfibre.com](http://cityfibre.com) using our availability checker.

## What benefits will full fibre give residents of Horsham?



Many of us have become well acquainted with freezing video calls, server stress and a shared household connection slowing everything down.

With our full fibre network, your residents get a **purpose-built connection designed and capable of coping with our increasing digital demands**. The whole household can work, study, stream and game simultaneously – without dropped calls, wasting time waiting for a file to load or watching the buffer symbol while streaming a favourite program.

## How can residents connect?



Our open access network brings **competition, choice and cost efficiency** to your city.

Residents can choose to connect through our growing list of internet service partners. They can **register their interest** using our availability checker at [cityfibre.com](http://cityfibre.com) to receive updates on our build and when services will be available.

## How can residents find out more?



Residents can check if they can connect through one of our internet service partners or register their interest using our **availability checker on [cityfibre.com](http://cityfibre.com)**.

For general enquiries, residents can complete our online form at [cityfibre.com/faqs](http://cityfibre.com/faqs), speak to a build crew member, or call our customer service team on **0800 083 6160**.

### Keep up to date

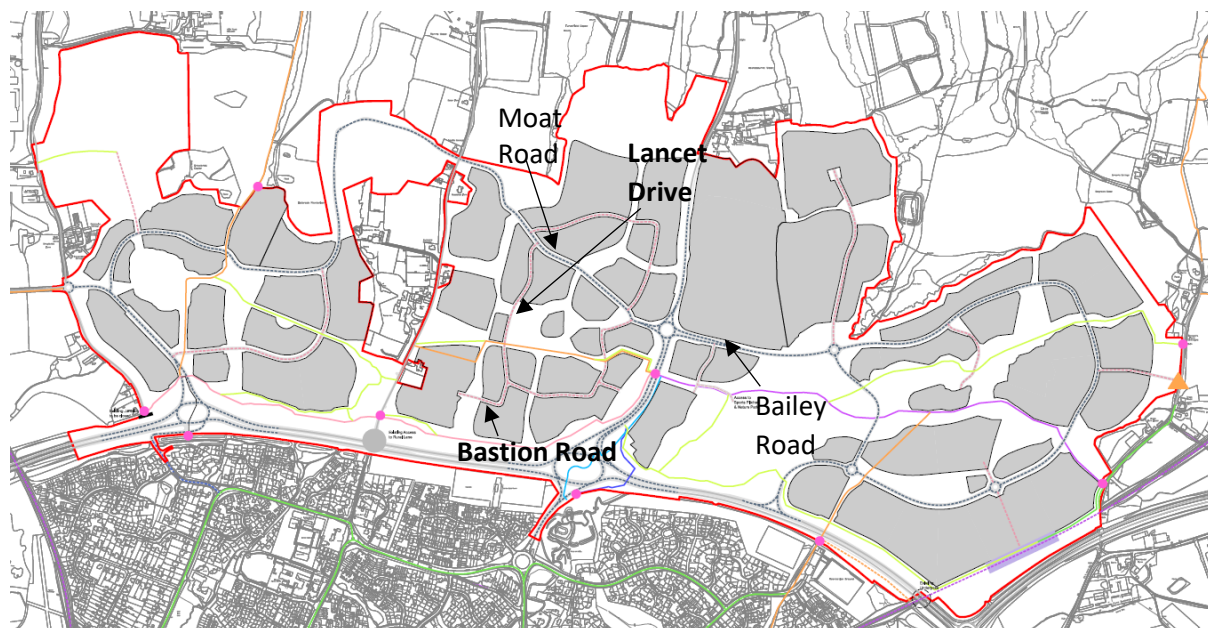
[cityfibre.com/homes/build](http://cityfibre.com/homes/build)

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# CityFibre



# **Annex 2**





# **Annex 3**



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## **A24 Worthing to Horsham Corridor Feasibility Study**

The Parish Council appreciated the opportunity it was given to attend the Webinar on Thursday 17th February to learn more of the A24 Worthing to Horsham Corridor Feasibility Study.

Whilst no part of the Parish directly adjoins the route of the A24 between Worthing and Great Daux the Principal Road forms an important route for its residents due to proximity of the route to the A264 North Horsham Bypass which passes through the Parish and the links it provides to the Sussex coast and beyond, including the important city of Portsmouth and north towards London.

The key issue for the Parish, when considering the route south of Great Daux would be to enhance safety and the Parish would support those proposals to enhance junction improvements with this aim in mind. The Parish would also stress the importance of completing safety fencing provision on the entire route

The closest junction to the Parish Boundary is that at Great Daux where improvements have already been incorporated arising from nearby major housing and commercial developments.

The Parish Council is aware of earlier proposals for improvements to the route including grade separated junctions at such locations as Buck Barn, Steyning Road (B213) and significantly for our residents a major upgrade to the non-dual carriageway section of the route from Great Daux to the West Sussex Boundary and beyond to meet with the Capel bypass.

The present shortcomings of the above section of the A24 north of Great Daux have an impact on access to the M25 and the wider motorway network and in particular encourage use of the A264 North Horsham Bypass as a route to the motorway network at Pease Pottage rather than the more direct road to Leatherhead. This leads to a level of traffic movements through North Horsham Parish that might be reduced if the carriageway from Great Daux to Capel section of the A24 were to become a dual carriageway thus completing the dualling of the route from Dorking to Findon Valley which, it is understood, has been an aspiration for a number of decades.

Whilst noting that some further consideration is being given to the northernmost section of the A24 towards Capel, the Parish Council would

stress that for existing residents and those to be accommodated within The Mowbray development the early improvement of this part of the route is important to enhance safety and stabilize demand on the A264. To this end and whilst acknowledging the financial implications the Parish Council would wish to encourage the County Council to work with Surrey County Council to achieve an upgrade to dual carriageway standard where it would emphasise that improvements to the existing single carriageway would not be adequate.

Whilst supporting the principals of the early proposals including enhancing cycle provision the Parish Council was disappointed to note that as of yet there appear to be no funding opportunities for what for many residents of North Horsham would represent a vital element of improving the safety of the principal road network across West Sussex.