

Dear Cllr Legg,

We are writing to inform you of planned local engagement that will be going on in your Dorset Council Ward soon, regarding mobile signal improvements.

We recognise that reliable and adequate mobile signal is important for many communities to help them feel connected and access vital services. That is why we have been speaking with several digital infrastructure providers to help us understand a range of different types of digital infrastructure that could be used to improve mobile phone signal in areas of Dorset where it is currently poor.

One of the suppliers we have been speaking with is Atlas Tower Group (Atlas) to identify areas that could benefit from improved mobile coverage.

Sandford Orcas, Poyntington, Bradford Abbas, Sandhills and Bishops Caundle have been identified as areas with poor mobile connectivity and Atlas would like to open talks, with parish councils and eventually with the wider community to get feedback on the options for improving the coverage.

This process has worked well for Atlas in other areas of the UK. It has meant they have been able to easily identify communities where there is support for mobile towers to improve connectivity.

To be clear, as a council we take a neutral position to this approach, but we will work to find connectivity solutions for our communities and support open discussions about potential solutions to poor mobile connectivity.

Atlas will be sending out an email to parish councillors in the coming weeks to arrange initial meetings to discuss their plans further. If you want to be a part of those meetings, please let us know.

If you think there is any local information that would help inform these discussions with your communities then please get in touch so these can be shared with Atlas if appropriate.

Kind regards,

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