

Super Slow Broadband for Mickleham on the 01372 Telephone Exchange

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This is our last chance. Your email addresses are essential. In the last update in the October issue of the magazine we reported that an Open Market Review was being undertaken by Surrey County Council as the only way to establish a clear understanding of the latest position regarding existing and planned broadband coverage throughout the county. The review will identify all premises throughout Surrey without a fibre broadband connection or those covered by the fibre network but unable to access the service as in Mickleham. Once the findings of the OMR have been analysed this information will then form part of a public consultation process. We are now approaching the end of this review and the start of the Public Consultation. We are still awaiting confirmation of this date. However as a community we must be ready to respond to this Public Consultation and be in a position to make a very strong case for Mickleham to be connected to Superfast Broadband. We must be top of the list!

The following is a quote from the BBC news website which appeared on Saturday 7th November *'Government plans 'universal service obligation' to ensure people living in remote areas guaranteed at least 10 Mbps'*. Currently we are lucky to get up to 2 Mbps. Also Mickleham is not seen as a *'remote'* area and we could possibly be excluded from this Government's *'universal service obligation'*. This makes it even more important that we respond to the Public Consultation.

Secondly, Mole Valley District Council has issued an Infrastructure Needs Assessment asking residents what their infrastructure needs are: <http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/INA>

We need to get broadband at the top of this list.

YOUR SUPPORT IS CRITICAL – This applies to all residents on the 01372 telephone exchange. Please email me to ensure I have your email on our list so that I can inform you when it is time to respond to the Public Consultation and ensure our voice is heard.

Thank you for your continued support. Email: maryflint8@gmail.com