



Northern Lincolnshire Broadband – we need your help

A Northern Lincolnshire Broadband Programme is currently being rolled out, with £2.6m allocated for Northern Lincolnshire, through North and North East Lincolnshire Councils. These plans will transform both the speed and coverage of broadband services across Northern Lincolnshire. The precise locations to be covered within the project are to be determined but are likely to be rural areas currently experiencing poor broadband service where commercial suppliers are yet to invest.

Part of the project involves demonstrating to suppliers the level of demand for improved broadband across northern Lincolnshire. To achieve this, surveys for residents and businesses affected by poor broadband coverage and speed has been created, accessed via the website at:

Residents - <http://www.northernlincsbroadband.info/rs>

Businesses - <http://www.northernlincsbroadband.info/bs>

Surveys take less than 5 minutes of your time and could help make a big difference.

(There will be no obligation to subscribe to the services when launched, but in registering your interest you will be helping North and North East Lincolnshire get better broadband.)

Broadband Champions

We are keen to include local people in our work to bring fast and reliable broadband to Northern Lincolnshire. A key part of this is the recruitment of Northern Lincolnshire Broadband Champions. These will be voluntary positions which we feel will play a vital role in the success of our project.

What is a Broadband Champion?

Someone who can:

- Help communicate information about the programme to your local community.
- Gather feedback to ensure community views are understood and considered.
- Promote the benefits of superfast broadband, generating interest and ideas on how your local community can benefit from its availability.
- Publicise the scheme by coordinating or attending local events to help people understand the difference superfast broadband could make to their lives.
- Create effective links with all sections of the community e.g. business, voluntary and community sector, and other local groups.
- Stimulate demand and help build a database of prospective broadband subscribers so we can demonstrate to providers that communities are interested in using superfast broadband.

To find out more about the project or to request more details to become a broadband champion please contact Yvonne Thompson yvonne.thompson@northlincs.gov.uk 01724 296926.