



Important Broadband Update: Broadway Partners Administration and Implications for Powys Connectivity

Dear Powys Community Members,

We hope this message finds you well. We are committed to keeping you updated on the latest developments regarding broadband connectivity in our county. Today, we need to share some significant news concerning one of the primary providers in our region, Broadway Partners.

Broadway Partners, an Alternative Network Provider (AltNet), has recently entered administration due to financial challenges. As a prominent figure in facilitating fibre broadband connectivity to remote areas of the UK, including Powys, this development directly affects their ongoing and planned projects.

Broadway Partners' Situation and Implications

Broadway Partners started in 2016 with an ambitious goal: to connect 250,000 homes and businesses in remote areas by 2025. The recent financial setbacks and subsequent administration have cast a shadow of uncertainty on their present and future projects. This development is likely to be concerning for our community, particularly for those awaiting the completion of ongoing projects or those residing in areas slated for future expansion.

However, it's important to note that Broadway Partners' administration aims to facilitate a managed sale of the business to a new investor, thereby allowing operations to continue as smoothly as possible. The intent is to minimise disruption to the current build programme during the transition period. We remain hopeful that a suitable investor will be found swiftly.

Powys County Council's Stance and Actions

We, at the Powys County Council, are actively monitoring this situation and working tirelessly to mitigate any potential negative implications.

Our first course of action is to maintain a close watch on the proceedings with Broadway Partners, to understand the possible outcomes and devise appropriate next steps.

Secondly, we are proactively engaging with other Alternative Network Providers, the Welsh Government, BDUK, and local councillors. Our collective goal is to explore potential alternatives and devise contingency plans to ensure that our broadband connectivity continues to improve without any major hindrance.

Potential Impact on Broadband Delivery

While the situation with Broadway Partners evolves, there may be potential delays or changes to currently planned projects. We assure you that we will do everything in our power to minimise any disruption. Our primary focus remains on securing reliable, high-speed broadband connectivity for our communities.

Continuing Commitment

Despite the current challenges, Powys County Council remains unwavering in its commitment to improve broadband access across our county. Our overarching goal is to create a stronger, fairer, and more digitally connected Powys.

Stay Informed and Engaged

Your understanding, patience, and active engagement are more important than ever in these changing times. We urge you to stay connected with local councillors, research Alternative Network Providers, and visit the official BDUK and DCMS websites regularly to stay updated on the developments.

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If you have any immediate concerns or questions, our dedicated broadband team is ready to assist you at broadband@powys.co.uk.

Although these are challenging times, we stand firm in our dedication to making Powys a well-connected community. We appreciate your support as we navigate this together.

Yours Sincerely,

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