

We are very pleased that Westerham is planned to be in receipt of such high coverage, and that money will be spent on us. We appreciate that BT needs to ensure value for money, but given the commitment to our coverage, it seems that the decision to spend on us is already taken?

Our issue now is rather more one of timing. You refer in your email to border concerns, and we would like to flag that Westerham is on the A25 sandwiched between two commercial hubs of Sevenoaks and Oxted, both of which are competing against us for enterprise and investment in economies. Both have the advantage of Superfast fibre broadband, and Westerham's economy is showing signs already of suffering from disadvantage: put simply, our premises and investment in our businesses are being overlooked in preference to Sevenoaks and Oxted, because of this issue. This has the knock-on effect to the rest of our economy.

Westerham went to considerable time, trouble and effort in order to support 'Make Kent Quicker.' We have demonstrated our demand. Please would you consider moving Westerham up the waiting line towards Phase 2, in the light of our economic difficulties and the support we have already demonstrated.