FAO: Alastair Spencer

Dear Mr Spencer,

I hope you're well. I am contacting you given your capacity as Chairman of the West Itchenor Parish Council. We are running a scheme to improve mobile coverage in rural areas and West Itchenor has been identified by our network team as a community that could benefit from this.

Our solution is a new technology that, through the installation of 3 or 4 small boxes (about the size of a few hardback books), can provide 3G voice and data coverage to the community. This is an ever-evolving technology so we are hopeful of upgrading it in the future to enhance data services and possibly even install 4G.

As a first step, we need to know that the local communities we choose in the next phase want the service and are able to support us in finding suitable sites for us to host this equipment.

It would be helpful therefore if you can have a discussion at your next Parish Council meeting and identify the following:

1) Do you feel there is a need and desire for good mobile coverage in the area or are there existing networks?
2) If you are interested in the pilot, we need to find some suitable sites to host the equipment. These have to be external and close to a power supply. Are there any community buildings or residents you feel we could talk to about hosting this equipment?

I am also happy to come up and talk through the technology in more detail but as a starter for ten it would be great to hear some thoughts from you on this.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions, or forward this email to those you feel it is relevant to.

Here is a link to a press release giving more details on the technology:
http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/12/03/cumbrian_village_gets_experimental_ee_network/
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I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,
Peter

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