

April Ward Cllr Update from Ward Cllr Gary Sumner for Ridgeway Ward.

Badbury:

Planning application was for 11 homes returns to Planning Committee on Tuesday. No additional consultation was required as the application is unchanged but members will be asked to consider in full and make a determination based on the same information.

Gigabit Fibre:

Scheme closed 31/3 with £603,000 of vouchers accepted, another £276,000 awaiting response. Apparently, there had been a number of duplicate pledges and some residents had entered different postcodes to be 'in the scheme' where their road was not included. Many residents reported not receiving their vouchers and I continue to work in Chiseldon with Neil Richardson who has been promoting within the community. Please leave banners up for now.

New scheme will be in place from 8/4 via DCMS and the pledges carry forward. I'm meeting Openreach 13/4 to discuss details of how we complete 'Phase 1' and start promoting 'Phase 2' (ie. Badbury and areas not included in Phase 1).

We will also be looking at whether there are any 'quick wins' where we can add additional addresses to Phase 1 where this would be easily done.

Openreach said we should be very positive about what we have achieved in lockdown in only just over 4 months and they are confident we will get to build.

Badbury Post Box:

Now returned and painted black as apparently not for use. I have asked our Conservation officer who has been liaising with the Post Office why this is as we have had no warning of this.

Badbury Resurfacing work: To be carried out over 2 days as per attached notification.