Atlas Tower Group – Email from Dorset Council

Dear Mr Bush

I work within the Digital Place team at Dorset Council, specifically working towards improving mobile signal by encouraging investment into Dorset's digital infrastructure. We recognise that reliable and adequate mobile signal is important for many communities to help them feel connected and access vital services. That is why we have been speaking with several digital infrastructure providers to help us understand a range of solutions that could be used to improve mobile phone signal in areas of Dorset where it is currently poor.

One of the suppliers we have been speaking with is Atlas Tower Group (Atlas) to identify areas that could benefit from improved mobile coverage.

Lytchett Matravers is an identified area with poor mobile connectivity and Atlas would like to open talks with parish councils, and eventually with the wider community to get feedback on the options for improving the coverage. This process has worked well for Atlas in other areas of the UK. It has meant they have been able to easily identify communities where there is support for mobile towers to improve connectivity. A letter is attached from Atlas.

We are arranging meetings with selected Parish councils on behalf of Atlas, to open discussions and give the opportunity to ask questions. If you are interested, it might be easier to have a call to look at dates/times, so please contact me on 01305 224763.

To be clear, as a council we take a neutral position to this approach, but we work to find connectivity solutions for our communities and support open discussions about potential solutions to poor mobile connectivity.

Best wishes,

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