

Foresight to invest in UK alt net

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Foresight Group is set to invest in full fibre technology business Fibre & Wireless Networks (F&W Networks) – with a deal expected imminently, *IJGlobal* understands.

Investment details of the contribution are yet to be disclosed – but the injection will contribute to the Cheshire-based company's fibre roll-out and increase the reach of its network across mid-sized towns and rural areas.

F&W Networks' full fibre coverage spans 5 UK counties with 170,000 homes passed.

The alt net covers:

- Buckinghamshire Beaconsfield, Gerrards Cross, High Wycombe, Lane End
- West Sussex Billingshurst, East Grinstead, Horsham, Southwater
- Surrey Godalming, Horley
- Hertfordshire Hemel Hempstead
- Greater London Southall

It also has additional coverage being built out in:

- Cranleigh, Surrey
- Crawley, West Sussex
- Dorking, Surrey
- Redhill, Surrey

F&W Networks also has upcoming plans to roll-out in Oxfordshire, a source said.

Fibre roll-out in some of the locations are being delivered as part of the government's Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme – part of Building Digital UK's (BDUK) Project Gigabit which provides subsidies to businesses working to improve the UK's broadband network.

The move follows <u>Foresight's investment</u> in alt-net broadband provider Connect Fibre earlier this year (February), which helped to fund the roll-out of its fibre-optic projects across the East of England.

Foresight was contacted for comment but declined.

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