

Press Release

Pipex Wireless to trial new WiMAX product set

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Pipex Wireless is to launch a second commercial trial of its WiMAX services, working with National Grid Wireless, Warwick District Council and Intel® Solutions Services. The trial will involve three sites in the Leamington Spa and Warwick area, and will deliver products including, leased line replacement, voice over IP, home workers broadband and dedicated broadband connectivity using WiMAX.

As the UK's first wireless solutions provider to launch WiMAX services - with Milton Keynes currently being implemented - Pipex Wireless intends to initially deliver trial services to Warwick District Council and subsequently approach businesses and home-users in the Warwick area. The trial network will be commissioned in Q2/07 and the trial will run for six months. Other towns and cities are planned for deployment later in 2007.

High-speed broadband will be delivered over Airspan's HiperMAX WiMAX base stations, one of which will be located on the National Grid Wireless' headquarters in southern Warwick. Intel Solutions Services is working with the council providing support for the introduction of wireless and other technologies, and evaluating performance.

Chris Elliott, Chief Executive, Warwick District Council, comments, "Attracting the latest wireless broadband and voice services to the area is great news. We are looking to make the District a technologically advanced area to live and do business in. Working with Pipex Wireless on this trial and beyond is a vitally important step to achieve this aim."

Stephen Marshall, CEO National Grid Wireless, says, "We are pleased to be working with both Warwick District Council and Pipex Wireless to deliver WiMAX services in our home town. Our business is founded on the delivery of infrastructure and managed service solutions to the wireless and broadcast industry and we believe the roll out of wireless broadband networks will be complementary to the wide range of technologies already deployed by our organisation."

Mike Read, CEO, Pipex Wireless, adds, "Following the initial success of our Milton Keynes trial, we are delighted to expand our WiMAX services into new towns and cities in the UK. Working with National Grid Wireless and Warwick District Council further develops our wireless capability and we are looking forward to more organisations, businesses and consumers using WiMAX."