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## UK's first mobile Wimax network to go live in Maidstone

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**The Mobile Wimax Acceleration Group (M-WAG), a collaboration of companies demonstrating the business case for mobile Wimax, is to deliver the first UK mobile Wimax pilot network over 2.5GHz in Maidstone, Kent.**

The network will go live in April and will be used to conduct multi-application user trials using mobile Wimax. The network will cover 7.5 square kilometres from the centre of Maidstone, which is home to more than 75,000 people and 4,500 businesses.



Once the network goes live, M-WAG will begin a range of trials encompassing services such as mobile VoIP, real-time high-quality video streaming and live broadcast. In addition, M-WAG will also be trialling Wi-Fi to Wimax handover and advanced charging systems to support any services that may be launched commercially.

Dave Lindsay, IT manager at Maidstone Borough Council, said, "Maidstone Borough Council has always tried to be forward-looking and we are keen to be involved with new technologies that can help us to improve the delivery of existing services and allow us to launch others.

"M-WAG's network in Maidstone is especially exciting for us as Mobile Wimax can deliver robust, resilient and secure data transmission at a much lower cost than other mobile alternatives. Not only will our residents benefit indirectly through improved, lower cost services, but those within the network perimeter will be able to benefit directly through using mobile Wimax at home or for business."

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