

Digital switchover and environment and planning

Digital TV switchover is coming to x {borough/region] in x [month/year] and will affect all our residents.

There is no need for viewers to replace their TV equipment for switchover. However, some people may use switchover as an opportunity to upgrade their TV or video recorder, and may therefore dispose of analogue TV equipment sooner than they would otherwise have done.

We need to ensure that waste TV equipment will be handled appropriately in our borough.

For the purposes of planning, physical works may range from replacement of a large broadcast mast to installation of new masts and other smaller works. The works are being funded by the broadcasters and will be carried out by Arqiva, the owner of the transmitters. Arqiva will follow normal planning processes and has been encouraged to make early contact with planning authorities.

We also need to know how to respond to residents' requests for planning permission to erect satellite dishes or other antennas.

To find out more about the implications for environment and planning in our borough, visit Digital UK's website for local authorities – digitaluk.co.uk/localgov.

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