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Company welcomes 5G trials

A Shropshire telecoms company has welcomed news that the West Midlands has been chosen as a testbed for a multi-million pound trial aimed at paving the way to roll-out high-speed 5G across the country.

The Urban Connected Communities Project is the latest step in the Government's 5G Testbed and Trials Programme designed to bring new high-speed connectivity and will develop a large-scale pilot across the region.

It means the West Midlands will be the first area of the UK to trial new 5G applications and services at scale. The multi-city programme will focus on hubs in Birmingham, Coventry and Wolverhampton.

David Hayward, managing director of Pure Telecom based in Shrewsbury, said 5G had the

Business is booming for a lighting company which is securing contracts all over the world.

Phil and Michelle Gardner run The Secret Lighting Company from their premises at the foot of the Long Mynd, and they have been specialising in light for over 25 years.

Now their innovative and progressive lighting solutions are in great demand across the world, with contracts in countries all over the Middle East and across Europe for both commercial and domestic customers.

"We are receiving more and more referrals to design the lighting for palaces and villas in the Middle East, and we have helped hundreds of clients all over the world - from resorts in Montenegro to countryside lakeside hotels, and from beach homes in Saudi Arabia to stately homes in Birmingham," said Phil. "We lived in

Family-owned firm is lighting the way

the space. They then design a lighting plan that will enhance the setting.

"Our particular style is for clients to see the effects of light but not the light fixtures themselves," said Phil, who is responsible for the design and technical side of the business.

"This means we embed light into walls, floors, and furniture, so that it looks so much better than the traditional array of downlights or regular lines of spotlights you would usually see."

The couple specialise in using the very latest technology to deliver lighting solutions too, but only where it's appropriate.

"Large global companies are investing heavily in automating buildings particularly for basing lighting and blinds, but we use technology judiciously where we can see it will be of real benefit to the client," Phil added.



Phil and Michelle Gardner from The Secret Lighting Company

France for several years too while I worked on lighting plans for European cities and grand mansions."

In fact, the couple's skills Shropshire instead.



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