

Hi Liz,

I was wondering if you have noticed that good old timber telegraph poles appear to be growing like trees in Milton of Campsie and Lennoxton, look out Bishopbriggs, Torrance and Kirkintilloch. I would say Milngavie and Bearsden but somehow I don't think they will be installed in those two towns.

I may sound flippant but come and have a look at both villages and wonder at how Openreach can manage to take the villages back to the dark ages of the telecommunication industry by installing fibre cables hung off of telegraph poles.

Telegraph poles were removed from this village almost 50 years ago, other than where there was no option and underground ducting was installed for all telephone lines, now in the face of modern technology, were going backwards. Residents are coming home from work, waking up in the morning to find a great big pole in direct view outside of a window which in many cases had a reasonable picturesque view.

What planet are Openreach coming from that they feel it is acceptable; just because they have permitted development rights; to turn up unannounced and start planting telegraph poles wherever they deem necessary. At the very least they could have consulted with the villages and if they are absolutely necessary agreed the least conspicuous positions for the poles. But of course that would mean having to speak to people face to face and listen to their complaints.

The bottom line is that Openreach have decided to save some money by installing equipment above ground instead of having to lay some new ducts; which would be useful in the future; or have the workforce pull the cables through the existing ducts.

As this issue is a storey which is growing by the minute as is the anger of villagers I thought I would bring it to your attention

Kind Regards,

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