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Sent: 13 January 2022 17:35
To: Cllr Paul Ferretti
Cc: Alex Buist; treasurer.moccc@outlook.com; Jim Crawford; mackenzie.andy@btinternet.com; Alan Gall; agnes_raybould@hotmail.com; Lorna Buntain
Subject: RE: Fwd: Openreach and Notifications to East Dunbartonshire Council (Case Ref: ED2693)

Hi Paul,

As per your advice below, I contacted various bodies in planning and the chief executive, I had a response from the chief executive's secretary which stated that the planning service had been asked to check their records regarding notifications to them from Openreach. To date we have received no confirmation from EDC Planning to confirm that Openreach had in fact submitted notifications. Openreach were adamant they submitted notifications for each and every pole being erected, which totally contradicts the response from Heather Holland of planning who states they have had no such notifications.

Can you please ask the same question to planning that we may confront Openreach for blatantly lying to the public once we have another confirmed denial from EDC planning department.

Kind regards,

Kind Regards,

Brian J McFall
Secretary - MOCCC

From: Cllr Paul Ferretti <paul.ferretti@eastdunbarton.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 12:39 PM
To: secretary.moccc@outlook.com
Subject: Re: Fwd: Openreach and Notifications to East Dunbartonshire Council (Case Ref: ED2693)

Hi Brian,

I have just returned from annual leave.

It is probably best that you write to the Chief Executive directly in this situation, as you are writing as a statutory body requesting a direct reply from a senior Council Officer,

You can do this via gerry.cornes@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

From my own enquiries with Roads on the matter:

The Service is unaware of any direct contact or notice sent to Council Officers in advance of the work.

However, the officers have checked the Scottish Road Works Register (SRWR) and BT had undertaken the correct notification via the SRWR.

The Roads Team are currently attempting to clarify with BT if this is the notice being referred to in all of their correspondence, rather than informing the Council directly.

The roads team are currently in discussions with BT over poles that are located on public footpaths at the moment.

Best regards,

Paul

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Date: 29 Nov 2021, 11:00:55

Subject: RE: Openreach and Notifications to East Dunbartonshire Council

Hi Gary,

I haven't sent this directly to the Chief Executive. I thought it might be better if it was brought to his attention by one of our councillors, softer approach than dropping it straight into his mailbox (don't have his e-mail address to be fair).

I thought Paul might take this up as he was keen to come to the meeting with the chief engineer but could make it as he was away.

If this is not something for the local councillors to be involved in, apologies. As such I am happy to send it directly to the Chief Executive if that is the correct approach subject to someone providing me with his e-mail address.

Any advice is welcome.

Kind Regards,

Brian J McFall

Secretary - MOCCC

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From: Gary.Pews@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

Sent: Friday, November 26, 2021 5:33 PM

To: Secretary MOCCC

Subject: Re: Openreach and Notifications to East Dunbartonshire Council

Hi Brian

As your request is for the Chief Executive to respond on this issue, have you sent this to Gerry Cornes?

Gary

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Date: 25/11/2021 14:07

Subject: Openreach and Notifications to East Dunbartonshire Council

Dear Sirs, Madam,

On the 16/09/21 I sent an email as secretary of Milton of Campsie Community Council to Heather Holland and Max Wilson of EDC requesting to be advised with the planning permission position with regards to the telegraph poles which have been appearing all over the village, the response I received was as follows from Heather Holland, Executive Officer - Land Planning & Development.

?The short answer is no they do not.

Class 67 of the General Permitted Development Order sets out permitted development rights (PDR) (work that does not require planning permission) for certain works carried out by or on behalf of an electronic communications code operator for the purposes of the operators electronic communications network or carried out in accordance with the electronic communications code. Specifically PDR apply to various development related to telegraph poles, namely the installation of new telegraph poles, the replacement or alteration of existing poles, the installation of new overhead lines on such poles and work which is ancillary to such development.

I understand that the works are being undertaken by BT Openreach but I am afraid we have no details on the need or reason for change in approach.?

Since then I have been in continuous email dialogue with Openreach expressing the displeasure of the villagers at seeing these poles being erected wherever Openreach feel they need to be.

This has recently culminated with a meeting at Redmoss Road between myself, a representative of Lennoxton Community Council and the Openreach Chief Engineer and his Colleague. Whilst we gained nothing from the meeting in terms of the poles being removed and the cables routed underground what did come to light was the fact that Openreach issue a Regulation 5 notice to East Dunbartonshire Council Planning Department for each and every single pole they are proposing to erect, this notice is served a minimum of 28 days in advance of the pole erection.

EDC in effect (as stated to myself by the chief engineer) have the right and opportunity to object to the erection of the poles and in our villages opinion should have done so as the poles are contrary to the Current Local Development Plan relating to Design and Placemaking and detract from the visual amenity, character and appearance of the village.

We as a community feel that the body employed to represent our village and all other areas of East Dunbartonshire have been very lean with the actual position in relation to the erection process and what could and should have been informed to the villages, now over run with timber telegraph poles. At the very least EDC should have made public, notification about the process that was about to be dumped upon our villages as should Openreach, however the Openreach position is that they informed EDC with plenty of time to either object or explain to the residents of East Dunbartonshire what was about to take place.

The lack of this consultation was emphasised to the Openreach engineers and they are taking this back to their managers, however it does not detract from the issue that we have been clearly mislead by EDC with the obvious intention being that once erected the situation is a fait accompli and as such they did not have to become involved in what would be a much larger discussion and consultation process, basically we feel that certain bodies of EDC have embarrassingly ducked deliberately below the parapet and not acted in the best interests of this village and other areas of East Dunbartonshire.

As such we request that the chief executive investigate this matter and write to both MOCCC and Lennoxton CC explaining why the opportunity of a transparent consultation was not made available to the villagers.

Kind Regards,
Brian J McFall
Secretary - MOCCC
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