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**Subject:** RE: Openreach and Notifications to East Dunbartonshire Council (Case Ref: ED2693)

Hi Paul,

Thanks for passing this information on to me, it seems a very convenient excuse for Openreach to claim at this stage when all poles are in position and anyone from Openreach who thinks they can speak to the local community councils and charm them have been getting short thrift and their excuses debunked constantly. It started with the cable is too fragile to go underground to there are no ducts in these areas, whilst all the time it is about cost and Openreach not wanting to spend money but desperate to get customers money and if I am not mistaken a huge contract from The Scottish Parliament. Did the contract allow for backwards installations to try and go forward

We as a Community Council strongly believe that all councillors should be lobbying the planning department in the strongest possible manner to have the planners object to all pole positions within the boundary of the villages. EDC should be making a stance against corporations like Openreach who are treating the villagers of Milton of Campsie and Lennoxton as irrelevant. They have an attitude of “we don’t need permission and if we want to put up poles, we will put up poles” not once did they try and engage with the public, I mean they cant even send a form to the correct address.

Below is an excerpt taken from the Openreach web site. [www.openreach.com/news-and-opinion/2021/five-ways-were-rising-to-the-rural-broadband-challenge](http://www.openreach.com/news-and-opinion/2021/five-ways-were-rising-to-the-rural-broadband-challenge)

Log into this section with the link provided and read just how bullish they are about having the best techniques, equipment and engineers and how wonderful they are when in reality they treat rural villages with complete disdain.

## 2. Using innovation

One of the great things about Openreach is having a crack team of telecoms experts – our Chief Engineers. They’re the best of the best, and they’re constantly scouring the globe for new technologies, tools and techniques which will help us go further, especially in rural areas.

They’re armed with an array of clever kit like the Cleanfast machine, which can lay up to 1km of fibre cable in a single day (compared to just 20m using traditional methods). They’re also using drones to fly fibre across rivers and valleys, and ground penetrating radar to guide our diggers.

Openreach make wonderful statements and have all the right buzz words but when it comes to action they are just a big corporation where profit comes first.

EDC planning and council leaders should be formally objecting to Openreach taking the area back to the dark ages in an attempt to provide the broadband that the Scottish Government Guaranteed and I believe are paying for.

Kind Regards,

**Brian J McFall**  
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**From:** Cllr Paul Ferretti <paul.ferretti@eastdunbarton.gov.uk>  
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Hi Brian,

This would seem to finally solve the mystery with regard to the notifications, and why both organisations were so entrenched in their positions.

Planning are now asking for every pole notification retrospectively so they can provide comment on them.

Best regards,

Paul

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Hi Councillor Ferretti

I have a bit of an update on this one. Openreach have just contacted me to confirm what our contact details are and provided their list of all Local Authority contacts for me to check. For EDC the email address they had listed was one for the Scottish Government online applications portal and it appears that they have been sending all their Regulation 5 notifications within our area to this address. This would explain why we had no record of receiving those for the recent installations in Lennoxton and Milton of Campsie but they were adamant they had been sent.

I've advised them of our general planning email inbox address and asked that all future notifications are sent there.

Regards

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