

## **NOTICE OF OBJECTION from Carrbridge and Vicinity Community Council**

**REF:- 16/02151/FUL | Erection of mast and ground based equipment. | Land 570M SE Of Carrbridge Golf Club Inverness Road Carrbridge**

Further to our letter of 29<sup>th</sup> July Carrbridge and Vicinity Council has considered and listened to further positions put forward by a number of local residents and wish to submit an objection to the erection of the above reference telecommunications mast. This is done on the following grounds.

- We are now aware of the strong opinions of residents close to the site. These opinions were not known to us prior to a Community Council meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> July and appear not to have been communicated to the applicant via consultative means. The levels of concern and adverse opinion leave us no alternative but to object and seek another solution for the much needed mobile signal improvement across the village.
- The scenic Old Bridge, a B grade listed structure, is a stopping point for tourists and the proposed 18m mast site is in a prominent position very close by. Tourism is the lifeblood of the village and any threat to this has an implication to jobs and the sustainability of the community.
- The mast site is located directly adjacent to a popular designated Core Path
- The proposed site is very close to houses and the school - this is very contentious as directives accept that adverse effects from 4G masts are as yet unknown. Carrbridge Primary School and Nursery are within 150m of the proposed site. Numerous homes are also well within the 400m zone around it. Many councils and countries are now rejecting applications of this nature, so close to schools and houses, due to possible health risk..

The CCC fully support the golf club in its efforts to negotiate a successful conclusion with the service providers which will result in the improvement of the very poor mobile signal across the village. Our support is based on the mast being sited in an alternative location which will not have an adverse impact on the appearance of the village and does not attract high levels of adverse comments from the residents.

The CCC requests the decision to grant planning approval is suspended until:

- Wider community consultation is undertaken
- The applicant responds in full to objection comment
- Clarity is available regarding the potential health risks associated with such transmission infrastructure.