

## **MS3 Networks – Erection of Telecommunications Poles**

### **GOING UNDERGROUND – NO to MS3 POLES**

Although the Government changed Planning legislation to allow MS3 (and others) to install poles without planning permission, there are things we can all do to protest and hopefully stop some of these 500 poles.

**1. Sign the official petition** – We need 10,000 to get it debated in Parliament. the link is on the Town Council website and Hedon Rant'n'Banter. Alternatively, scan the QR code here:



**2. Boycott Pledge** – We have created a form to collect pledges to boycott any internet provider using poles infrastructure. You can print it off from Hedon Blog website, Hedon Rant'n'Banter or pick up a copy from Hedon Town Hall. Better still do copies and get all your neighbours to sign up too. Return completed forms to Hedon Town Hall, Preston PC or The Old Vicarage, Ivy Lane, Hedon. We will deliver them all to MS3.

**3. OFCOM** – There is an Electrical Communications Code of Conduct (2003) which says operators should go underground where possible, especially where there are no existing poles (e.g. Leafsail, much of Preston South). MS3 said “it’s voluntary, we don’t have to abide by it”. But East Riding Planning suggested MS3’s brazen attitude to breaching the code should be reported to OFCOM. If they get hundreds of complaints they may well intervene.

OFCOM’s address is PO Box 1285, Warrington, WA1 9GL or phone 0300 123 3333.

**4. “Hedon Says NO to MS3 Poles” Posters** – Are available from the Town Hall or The Old Vicarage, Ivy Lane. Please pick one up and display in your window or on the lamppost where MS3 have their notices.

**5. Planning Objections** - Myself and Cllr Sue Steel met with the East Riding Planning Director and his team on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. Although Planning Permission is not needed there are a few things that can be done to challenge their plans.

- a) Three Conservation Areas cover a large part of central Preston, the centre of Hedon and Havenside. East Riding can demand no poles in these areas.

- b) Narrow Paths – Where a pole would impede access for prams, etc Highways can object. So places like Church Lane with just one narrow path can be reviewed. If your pavement is too narrow do let us know so we can let Highways know. Please email to [councillor.gallant@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:councillor.gallant@eastriding.gov.uk)
- c) Private Roads – if you live on a private road (e.g. Charles Street) you can tell MS3 you refuse to give them access unless they go underground. To override your objection they would have to get a Court Order, adding to their costs and hopefully reconsider.

The Campaign Group is liaising with other protest groups in Hessle and Cottingham. Emma Hardy MP and Dame Diana Johnson MP are both active on this. We have been trying to engage with Graham Stuart MP but he has been noticeably quiet so far!

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