

Interim consultation response: Mobile coverage in Ilmington

Q1. Would you support the idea of a single new mast if it meant significantly better coverage from all four major mobile networks? (Online responses only).



Q2. Do you have any comments, concerns or suggestions?

Comments on 'YES' responses:

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| 2 | Yes | It would need to have as little visual impact as possible |
| 3 | Yes | Mobile signal unreliable in ilmington, e.g at corner of Frog Lane. This is becoming critical with the switch to Digital Voice, especially in emergencies and for people who rely on personal alarms. |
| 4 | Yes | Mobile coverage in Ilmington is currently very poor and patchy. With the national termination of landline provision in the early future, it's extremely important for safety reasons in emergency situations, let alone convenience, that mobile coverage is improved. Sensitive siting of a mast is important, but is outweighed by the benefits of improved mobile coverage. |
| 5 | Yes | Location of mast |
| 10 | Yes | Good idea reception now very poor at lower green |
| 11 | Yes | It would be helpful for so many different aspects of life in Ilmington including for domestic/business use and safety for walkers and those less able especially as landlines disappear. |
| 14 | Yes | This would be of interest if it improves network coverage inside our homes. This is where we experience poor reception. |

- 15 Yes Only concern is where the new mast would be sited from a visual point of view, but we already have masts at Pig Lane of course. Does the mast have to be in the village itself to work?
- 18 Yes It must be placed somewhere unobtrusive and not become an eyesore in our lovely village.
- 21 Yes There is a tall mast already on Front St (which was erected without consultation by the water board to gain signals from our new water meters), could the phone mast be attached to that? We don't want masts everywhere & I'm certainly not suggesting ANOTHER mast on Front St (we seem a dumping ground for everything the village doesn't want), but if they could be on the same mast, that would surely cause least impact.
- 22 Yes Location?
- 23 Yes No need to say that the siting of the mast is crucial for the environment of the village but also for efficient coverage. It would be helpful to know the size of the proposed mast while canvassing opinion.
- 24 Yes The problem will arise with the siting of a mast. Residents will not want it to be a prominent feature visible from their properties or spoiling the views in our village which is in Cotswold AONB, also a conservation area.
- 27 Yes It's a pity that the mast erected on Front Street, just down from the Red Lion, for reception for smart metering couldn't be shared for mobile phone coverage.
- 28 Yes Hopefully the mast could be sited inobtrusively----they are not the prettiest of objects!
- 30 Yes I think improved coverage is a must. It is seriously unacceptable at present.
- 31 Yes Any ways of improving mobile coverage would be welcome. Mobile coverage in Bennett Place is extremely poor.
- 32 Yes Only if it could be sited with the existing masts because we are concerned about blighting the landscape
- 33 Yes We do not receive any mobile signal where we live.
This means that we rely on a land line through the internet.
So if there is a power cut or other cause which results in the internet going down, we are unable to make ANY telephone calls.
- 34 Yes Location and aesthetics obviously important.
- 35 Yes It is essential.
- 36 Yes Mast need to be sighted away from houses in the village centre
- 37 Yes The location of the mast should be selected to limit the visual impact in the village itself
- 39 Yes Yes please without a house phone am more than happy with this idea
- 40 Yes A mast to improve the current appalling coverage is essential.

Comments on 'NO' or neutral responses:

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| 1 | - | We are not sure about this, we used to live in a stone house in the village and the signal would not go through the stone! Would a new pole make a difference to people who live in stone houses? |
| 6 | No | I have issue with less-than-optimal signal coverage, given the health considerations caused by the citing of masts within close proximity of people |
| 7 | No | I believe the current mobile coverage in Ilmington is satisfactory. I don't feel that improved signal would outweigh the negative impacts of installing a mast. I'm concerned about the introduction of another mast impacting our landscape, heritage and views of the village. The would be additional to the recent construction on Front Street, with another mast adding a suburban feel to our rural setting. I would also appreciate the parish council seeking peer reviewed data on potential health impact for residents who would be living close to the mast. |
| 13 | No | There is already good mobile coverage- I run a business from Ilmington and my mobile is an important part of this an works well, so another mast is not needed . There are environmental issues and health concerns relating to mobile phone masts. Ilmington is a unique beautiful village and minimising additional technology helps to keep Ilmington's character. |
| 16 | No | Mobile coverage is sufficient and do not want another blot on the beautiful natural landscape unless the one mast means all the other existing masts are removed and it improves the countryside. |
| 17 | No | Mobile phone signals can be boosted via the internet without having an ugly mast in our beautiful village |
| 38 | - | Hello why not place it on top of the church spire, like other villages |