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Dear Sir Desmond,

**Telecommunication masts, Hyde Parish**

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter to Councillor Keith Mans, Leader, Hampshire County Council, from Hyde Parish Council, regarding the above matter. We hope you might be able to represent the genuine concerns of parishioners to the Government, particularly as consultation on the Electronic Communications Code is about to close.

The issues affecting Hyde parish are being felt across the country, with local residents protesting in many places against telecommunication masts. The impact of the masts on local amenity are, however, particularly severe in conservation areas and national parks, and the New Forest is no exception. Many people are fearful of the health consequences of the radio signals, and although scientific evidence is clear that there are no damaging effects, some people are unconvinced and their health suffers as a consequence.

Hyde Parish Council is very positive about supporting the operators to provide the fullest possible signal coverage throughout the parish in line with the Government's intentions for 5G roll-out, and remain keen to collaborate with them and other agencies including Hampshire County Council, the New Forest National Park Authority and Natural England to find acceptable sites for new masts. It has become clear to us, however, that there are unlikely to be any sites in Hyde that would meet the operators' technical requirements without causing some harm to the character and appearance of the National Park and Western Escarpment Conservation Area and/or conflicting with one or more designations. As with so many things, compromises will be needed.

We will be grateful for any support and advice you can give.

Yours sincerely,



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