

5G Many and Arkengarthdale

Historic recap

As you may or may not know there was a question and answer session (Community Engagement Event) at the CB Inn on the 7th of October which was attended by North Yorkshire County Council and representatives from other partners but not Quickline.

This was to provide all the information the community might want about the proposed 5G mast.

At the same time, the Parish Council put a very quick poll together to be completed on Facebook as well as on paper at the event itself, to record roughly, how many people attended, how they felt about the project and if they were for or against it. This resulted in a vote of against with 44 households voting 18 for, 25 against and 1 undecided. It gave us a feel of how the parish felt and guided us in the following meeting. As the councillors felt that the current position of the mast would not serve the majority of the parish plus a new site needed to be found as the old site was no longer available. With this in mind we supported the result of the Facebook poll and told 5G Many that we could not support the project in its current form.

5G Many then conducted their own house to house survey. We don't know who they spoke to or what they said. However, they say that they received a supporting result. They visited 71 households, spoke to 33 and out of that there were 19 for the project and 10 against with 2 undecided and 2 were not the householder.

Since then, a new site has been suggested by 5G Many which is proving to be very unpopular with the parish, Raw Moor Top.

The Parish Council have found another site which they have told the 5G Many project about which is Tottergill. We are waiting to hear how they feel about this site.

The Raw Moor Top site has not been officially enquired about as far as Planning are concerned and we are.

We understand that the funding for this is government-funded with the original deadline of March 2022 but now there is an extension to 30th June 2022, after this day we don't know.

The costs to the householder after March 2022 we don't know these either, the questions were asked at the community engagement event but they were unable to provide the answers.

As soon as we have more information, we will put something on the 5G Many Facebook page.

Reeth Rural Radio Network will continue to operate independently, keeping existing clients and taking on new ones for the foreseeable future. 5G Many is a proposed alternative that is faster and has a greater capacity which means it will allow more devices to connect without slowing down the network, we understand.

Thanks

Arkengarthdale Parish Council.