



**PLANNING AND ACCESS COMMITTEE  
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT  
MEETING: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	<b>Director of Rural Development &amp; Planning</b>
<b>APPLICATION NUMBER:</b>	<b>2018/0211/DET</b>
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	<b>Arqiva</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Verge Opposite The Telephone Exchange Main Street Strathyre</b>
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	<b>Erection of 13.5m high mast and 2 no. ground based cabinets</b>

<b>NATIONAL PARK WARD:</b>	Ward 2 (northern (central) area
<b>COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA:</b>	Balquhidder, Lochearnhead and Strathyre
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**1 SUMMARY AND REASON FOR PRESENTATION**

- 1.1 This is an application for the erection of a 13.5 metre high mast and two ground based cabinets to be used as a 'smart metering base station'. (Existing gas and electricity meters can be replaced with 'smart meters' which automatically send meter readings to suppliers. A network of these 'smart metering base stations', formed of radio antennas on a tall structure, need to be constructed to connect smart meters with energy suppliers using radio waves.)
- 1.2 The application was presented to the Committee on 29 October 2018 as a statutory consultee - the Balquhidder, Lochearnhead and Strathyre Community Council, had formally objected and the officer recommendation is to approve. The Committee decision was to defer the application to allow further notice of the committee meeting and the right to speak at the meeting to be given to those who had made representations in accordance with procedures.

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### 2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1

**That Members:**

**APPROVE** the application subject to the conditions contained in Appendix 1.

### 3 BACKGROUND

3.1 For the avoidance of doubt, this is a supplementary report prepared primarily to re-introduce the agenda item. At the 29<sup>th</sup> October meeting members requested clarification from officers on three matters:

- a) Whether all technically suitable sites had been investigated and assessed. The officer confirmed that other sites had been investigated and the proposed site was the most suitable.
- b) Whether the proposal presented a health hazard? It was confirmed that the applicant has provided a declaration of conformity with public radio frequency guidelines and therefore the safety of telecommunication equipment is not a material consideration.
- c) Permitted development rights: It was proposed that the permitted development rights that would normally apply to this category of development should be revoked by planning condition.

The decision to continue determination of the application was taken to enable further time for those who had made representations to prepare to speak at the meeting, as permitted if correct requests are lodged.

3.2 Full details of the application are found in the original Planning and Access Committee report which is appended as 'Appendix 1' of this report.

### 4 CONCLUSION

4.1 No further representations have been made at the time of preparation of this report. Therefore, the original planning assessment and recommendation to approve the application remains unaltered.

4.2 It is therefore recommended that Members:

- **APPROVE** the application subject to the conditions contained in Appendix 1 of the original report.

**Background Documents:** <http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/planning/>

**Documents:** *Click on view applications, accept the terms and conditions then enter the search criteria as '2018/0211/DET'*

**List of Appendices:** *Appendix 1 : Previous report to committee dated 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 - including Conditions and Informatives*