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Dear Colleague,

Please see the email below which has been circulated to all councillors.

Kind regards,

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Summary

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) is leading a joint consultation with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) on extending 5G mobile provision in rural areas. The consultation document can be downloaded [here](#).

Context

This consultation seeks views on the principle of amending permitted development rights for operators with rights under the Electronic Communications Code (Code Operators) to support deployment of 5G and extend mobile coverage, and the circumstances in which it would be appropriate to do so. The consultation also seeks views on whether it is appropriate to impose specific limitations, conditions and restrictions on any amendments to permitted development rights to mitigate the impact of any new development. NALC is minded to reiterate its standing positions on mobile masts in its response to this consultation, will be responding and is interested in the sector's views:

- A change in government policy on planning applications for mobile telephone masts to ensure that all heights of masts are subject to a full planning application and proper consultation with local councils (where possible);
- New build houses and business to be provided with in-built infrastructure to enable connection to fibre-optic broadband; &
- We support the Rural Coalition's call for infrastructure which reaches rural areas, so the rural economy can grow and create quality jobs.

Consultation questions

NALC will be responding to the below review questions and is interested in the sector's views:

Question 1.1: If these in principle proposals (set out in Questions 2 to 5) were taken forward, what impact would they have on meeting the Government's ambitions in relation to mobile coverage including addressing 'total not-spots' and 'partial not-spots'?

Question 3.1: Do you agree with the principle of amending permitted development rights to allow an increase in the width of existing ground-based masts by more than one third, to support 5G deployment and encourage greater utilisation of existing sites?

Question 5.1: Do you agree in principle with amending permitted development rights to increase the height of new masts, subject to prior approval?

Your views

Please email your responses to this review to Claire.Goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk by 17.00 on 11 October, 2019. County associations are asked to forward this e-briefing onto all member councils in their areas, please.

Many thanks,

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