

Plans for a new Telecom Mast at Cherry Burton  
Update (10<sup>th</sup> April)

Around Feb this year the Parish Council were approached by a company called Shared Access to install a 4G mast at the Sportsfield.

Shared Access are a national company who provide investment to deliver well located wireless communication infrastructure solutions to customers. Working in conjunction with CTIL, an infrastructure company owned by Vodafone/ O2, they provide the network infrastructure (enclosures, steelwork, poles, etc.) that enables the telecoms operators such as Vodafone and O2 to deploy their networks.

Shared Access would negotiate a 25-year lease with the land owner (ERYC) and as part of the inducement there could be a one-off capital sum of up to £40,000 available for ERYC/Cherry Burton to share, on signing of the lease.

Shared Access and their team of civil engineers, planners and installation engineers along with service providers from BT and Vodafone visited the Cherry Burton Sportsfield to finalise the location of the mast, take planning photographs and to agree details of equipment access and services entry to the site. They also confirmed the height of the tower with an aerial drone.

The location proposed is behind the tree copse w. of the football pitches and will consist of a 4/5 m. square base with a 22.5m high aluminium tower and control cabinet. There will be no fencing around the tower but both cabinet and mast will be made vandal proof. The installation position is surrounded by trees up to a height of 17.5 m so the mast will be out of sight from all directions. The area is to be cleared of brush and levelled to some extent to allow vehicular access and our own access in the future (for grass cutting, etc.). A temporary track way is to be laid down from the Sportsfield road for works vehicles and the crane.

We have been advised that the mast will have a range of approx. 4-5 km at 4G and will be upgradable to 5G in the future. It will be able to cover the whole village.

As part of the initial stages of planning a consultative document has been sent out to households considered to be near the mast to gauge public reaction prior to the formal application going in.

Although there is an ERYC moratorium on telecommunications masts being erected near sportsgrounds and schools, technology and public awareness of Health risks has moved on and there is a proposal currently being prepared by ERYC and being put to Council in April, that will lead to the moratorium being lifted, if approved. Subject to this approval ERYC will then be able to give us a lease variation on our Sportsfield lease and to pave the way for a new 25-year lease agreement between ERYC and Shared Access.

Due to the complexity of the legal work in the preparation of the leases the Parish Council have engaged solicitors from LCF Law LLP who will look after our interests in the preparation of our lease. We have been advised that our solicitor's costs could be above £1,250 but have been advised by Shared Access that they will contribute towards our costs up to a maximum sum of £1250 if East Riding Council does not consent to the grant of the lease, change of use and to the build of the mast. They have also agreed to increase their contribution towards our full costs, if the matter proceeds to exchange, from £1,250 up to £2,000.

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