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### **MOBILE OPERATORS ANNUAL NETWORK UPDATE PLANS 2015/2016**

We are contacting you on behalf of the Mobile Operators Association (MOA) which represents the four UK mobile phone network operators (EE, Telefónica, Three, and Vodafone) on network development issues.

Mobile connectivity brings huge benefits to individuals, communities, and businesses across the country. The mobile network is a crucial piece of national infrastructure but it is built and delivered locally. For this reason, local planning authorities are vital partners in bringing the benefits of mobile communications to their areas.

The mobile operators are committed to transparency and engagement with local government and as part of this, send updated information about the location of their base station sites to each Local Planning Authority in October each year. I'm pleased to attach this year's plans for your authority. The attached plans are in an Excel spreadsheet with a tab for each of the operators.

As part of their commitments under the Code of Best Practice on Mobile Network Development in England<sup>[1]</sup>, operators have also undertaken to provide professional development workshops on technological and other developments within telecommunications for local planning authority officers and elected members. If you would like to meet one or more of the operators to discuss their plans, please get in touch with them direct using the contact details below.

The Mobile Operators Association (MOA) has produced a guide: 'Mobile Networks: What They Are and How They Work' - to explain the different types of base station, and to explain the main factors that determine why new ones are needed and why they need to be sited where they are. It has been produced to accompany the Code of Best Practice. 'Mobile Networks: What they are and how they work' is available at:

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[http://www.mobilemastinfo.com/images/stories/2013\\_Code\\_of\\_best\\_practice/Code\\_of\\_Best\\_Practice\\_on\\_Mobile\\_Network\\_Development\\_-\\_Published\\_24-07-2013.pdf](http://www.mobilemastinfo.com/images/stories/2013_Code_of_best_practice/Code_of_Best_Practice_on_Mobile_Network_Development_-_Published_24-07-2013.pdf)

<http://www.mobilemastinfo.com/mobile-networks-what-they-are-and-how-they-work/jargon-buster.html>

Many authorities find it useful to have an up to date mast register and the attached plans can be used to update this document.

Please share the plans with your officer colleagues, both within the planning department and other relevant departments, and elected members as well as any members of the public who would like to see them.

We would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of the plans by **23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015**. You can do this by simply replying '**received**' to this email.

If you have any difficulties accessing the plans or would like any further information, please let us know.

Yours faithfully

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