



## **Protect Garforth**

**Join our campaign to prevent unnecessary telegraph pole installation in our community**

**Location:** Firthfields Community Centre at 8pm on Tuesday 4th March

### **Meeting Actions**

We would like to say thank you to everyone who attended the meeting last night, it was great to see such strong support for the campaign. But the hard work doesn't stop there, we need to continue to spread the word and explore other way to limit the effectiveness of Giggie Fibre's telegraph pole roll out.

**As a group we have taken the following actions, updates on progress will be provided on Garforth.org.**

#### **1. Contact OFCOM**

- Raise concerns about the delivery approach to date.
- Share an example of the notice (which doesn't include dates) for their review.

#### **2. Investigate Giggie Fibre's Compliance with Planning Rules**

- Determine whether they have breached regulations by failing to provide dates on their posters.
- Unable to check if the posted and installation dates align with the required 28-day notice period.

#### **3. Create a New Poster**

- Design a poster discouraging broadband sales over telegraph poles.

#### **4. Discuss the Meeting Size with Giggie Fibre**

- Propose increasing the number of resident representatives from 5 to 10.
- Try to secure a neutral and accessible location for future meetings.

**There are also things we can all do in the community to raise awareness. You can:**

- **Email Giggie Fibre** – Express concerns and objections regarding telegraph pole installation.
- **Contact the Local MP** – Richard Burgon MP is in full support of our campaign and is available to support on addressing any specific issues you may wish to raise.
- **Engage with the Press and Media** – Raise public awareness of the situation.
- **Print and Display Posters** – Help spread the message throughout the community.
- **Challenge ISPs** – Ask Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to provide written confirmation that they will not use telegraph poles for service delivery. (Where people are buying a new service)

If you are with Sky or TalkTalk and thinking of switching to full fibre, it may be a good idea to do it sooner rather than later to ensure you get an underground service. This is because in future these ISPs may be available over the poles, which could be a cheaper option for your ISP rather than delivering the service underground. For now, underground is the only option.

You can find contact details and other resources to support our campaign on [www.garforth.org](http://www.garforth.org) and you can reach out to us via email at [contact@garforth.org](mailto:contact@garforth.org)

**Your voice matters. let's take action together!**