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To fibre connections from telegraph poles

Ask your broadband provider for an underground only connection.

GARFORTH AGAINST GIGGLE CAMPAIGN

- Representatives from the action group attended a meeting at the Houses of Parliament, arranged by our MP,
 Richard Burgon, on 22nd May, to meet the Telecommunications and Data Protection Minister, Sir Chris Bryant MP.
- We raised our community's concerns and grievances about the placing of these unwanted, unsightly, unregulated and unnecessary telegraph poles, particularly as full fibre connection is already available underground.
- We highlighted the fact that Giggle Fibre have produced no evidence to show they have tried to share existing
 infrastructure; that some telegraph poles are obtrusive and leaching creosote and that approaches to rectify
 these issues have been ignored and that much disruption and upset has been caused. For the full document
 presented to the Minister please see www.garforth.org
- Sir Chris was sympathetic to our plight but was open and honest about his current lack of powers to impact Giggle Fibre actions.
- He was very surprised to learn that Giggle Fibre are not a member of either of the trade bodies that represent the industry and as such are not governed by their codes of practice.

KEY OUTCOMES FROM THE MEETING

The owner of Giggle/SCD, is being 'invited' to Westminster to discuss the situation with Sir Chris Bryant. We agreed to send a list of detailed questions for the Minister to put to the owner on our behalf (should he attend!). This has been actioned via our MP.

The Minister assured us that there are precedents for removing infrastructure that is not used so WE NEED TO BOYCOTT installation of a full fibre broadband option if it is being provided from overhead telegraph poles.

SO PLEASE...

Sign the pledge on garforth.org to commit to not accepting full fibre packages when they are being offered from overhead telegraph poles (many major suppliers can install through Openreach underground ducting).

CONTACT BBC WATCHDOG OVER THE WEEKEND OF 28/29TH JUNE

We're asking as many residents as possible to email Watchdog at the BBC to generate publicity.

This is how: type 'Watchdog Send Your Story' into your search engine on the internet when a form will appear. Complete the form putting 'Giggle Fibre' in the name of the company. This creates maximum impact.

