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**Subject:** Full Fibre's proposal to install broadband poles in Willersey village

Dear Matt and Gareth,

Thank you very much for coming to meet with my constituents last Friday in Willersey and I am glad you have been able to experience the very vehement opposition to your scheme to install a new broadband system erecting unwanted wooden poles which will blight people's property.

The purpose of this email is to appeal to you given the strength of feeling in the village, **not to go ahead with this scheme.**

I would just like to let you know that I have written to Michelle Donelan, the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation & Technology, pressing for a change in secondary legislation to prevent schemes like this in an AONB or National Park where there is an existing underground scheme.

I have also written to the Chief Planning Officer at Cotswold District Council urging them to request stringent conditions. You undertook at the meeting to carefully consider these even if they were outside the 28 day period.

One of my proposals at the meeting was that even if you are determined to go ahead with the scheme, that **you should not go ahead with the area covered by the map (attached).**

I reiterate, as you saw at the meeting this scheme really isn't wanted by the village and I regret to say that if you do go ahead, it is likely your industry will have a bad reputation.

I look forward to hearing your observations.

Yours sincerely,

*Geoffrey*

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