

# **AGENDA ITEM 6**

## **APPENDIX 2**

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**REPRESENTATION  
SUPPORT**

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Subject: Proposed EE mast - Auchlean

Good Morning Matthew Hawkins, CNPA Planning department

We just thought we would write as we noticed in the Strathy that CNPA had called in the planning of the proposed mast at Auchlean.

We thought it may be helpful to make you aware of some background information and a few points from our prospective and would like to think that they may be taken into consideration when making your decision.

In May we took ownership of Auchlean just loving the natural beauty of the place and look forward to living there as soon as the house is ready. We are a local family with two children whom attend Kingussie High School and we run an agricultural and forestry business which specialises in working in environmentally sensitive areas, we pride ourselves in conducting works in a sensitive manner and it is with this ethos that we would like to bring back life in the croft at Auchlean.

One of the main negative points of moving the family and business was there was no internet access which we knew from the start this would have to be addressed in some manner to enable us to run a business and assist the children in their education as well as the much needed communication with friends! We were aware that the current system used by the Estate further up the glen is not reliable to the point that they have moved offices to Aviemore.

Coincidentally shortly after these thoughts we were then approached by EE regarding the erection of a mast. We were rather dubious at first as in the wrong location they are not the most attractive things and as I mentioned it was the untouched beauty of Auchlean that drew us there, however, we wanted to work with them as it was for emergency services needs and realised it would help our internet problem and others further up the glen. Initially they proposed to locate it on a very open prominent area of ground adjacent to the footpath south of the croft, this would have been very visually obtrusive and would have required a new access track. We then suggested it was put back to the foot of the hill amongst trees and within a proposed native regeneration area hoping that this would help screen the green mast therefore causing as little visual impact as possible and to utilise the existing track to Carn Ban Mhor which is heavily eroded and in a state of disrepair. We felt this was the best location and if EE supported us with repairs to the bottom section of the track as part of the project that would be a positive for the visitors experience at Auchlean.

We have found EE representatives to be helpful and amenable to come up with solutions in light of the sensitivity of the site and would like to think that with this approach a positive outcome could be reached for all parties.

We would be interested to hear your thoughts on this matter.

Many thanks

Duncan and Sarah Grant

Sent from my iPad