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Seil and Easdale Community Council  
Seil Island Community Hall  
Seil  
Oban  
PA34 4RQ

Dear Sir or Madam

**REQUEST FOR PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION  
PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS BASE STATION AT CLACHAN SEIL, OBAN SEIL  
FARM, CLACHAN SEIL, OBAN, ARGYLL AND BUTE, PA34 4TR**

The Scottish Government and Scottish Futures Trust ('SFT') have been working in partnership to develop the Scottish 4G Infill Programme ('4G Infill' or 'Infill') for Scotland. As part of the Digital Strategy for Scotland the program seeks to develop an initial approach which can facilitate the deployment of 4G LTE infill coverage where this does not yet exist, and where it is unlikely that industry will invest in the near to medium-term future, given the economic challenges of doing so. These areas are often referred to as "Not Spots".

Funding has been committed by the Scottish Government for all regions and additional funding has been secured from European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') to support activity in the Highlands and Islands region.

WHP Telecoms was awarded the contract by the Scottish Government to acquire, build and operate the passive infrastructure such as the base, mast, power supply and transmission link required to attract mobile operators to deploy sites in "Not Spots" where otherwise it would not be financially viable to do so. You can find out more information about the program on the WHP website at [www.whptelecoms.com/case\\_study/whp-telecoms-wins-the-prestigious-scottish-4g-infill-programme-s4gi/](http://www.whptelecoms.com/case_study/whp-telecoms-wins-the-prestigious-scottish-4g-infill-programme-s4gi/).

Please note at this stage, we must stress that we are exploring this location as a solution however, it will be dependent on technical constraints, the willingness of the land owner to enter a lease, availability of power, other cost constraints and attracting a mobile operator. There is no guarantee that all of the constraints can be overcome.

In accordance with planning policies and Best Practice Commitments, this letter invites you to enter pre-application discussions for the preferred site that has been selected, prior to a formal planning application. Several steps in the site identification process have already been undertaken including the discounting of sites which will not serve these "Not Spots".

Technical Requirements:

- S4GI071 Clachan Seil. A "Not Spot" has been identified in this area.
- S4GI071 Clachan Seil, Oban Seil Farm, Clachan Seil, Oban, Argyll and Bute, PA34 4TR. NGR: E 177762 N 718630. The proposal includes a 20.0m lattice mast, 6no. antennae and 2no. 600mm dishes and ancillary equipment stored in cabinets at ground level, within the site compound. The lattice mast design has been selected as it is the least visually intrusive structure that can also provide the required coverage to the "Not Spot" area that has been identified.

Alternative site options identified and rejected:

1. Existing EE Mast, B844, Ellenabeich, Argyll and Bute, PA34 4RD. NGR: E 175578, N 717034. Existing mast in place with EE 74302 and H3G transmitting. A site here would not provide required coverage to target area of Clachan Seil.
2. Land at Oban Seil Farm, Clachan Seil, Oban, Argyll and Bute, PA34 4TN. NGR: E177541 N 718327. A site here would be in direct view of the landowner's house and holiday cottages. Landowner has offered other land for the proposed site. Discounted on land ownership and planning grounds.
3. Land at Kilbride Farm, B844, Ellenabeich, Argyll and Bute, PA34 4RD. NGR: E 175581 N 716597. A site here would be too close to the existing EE mast, which does not provide required coverage to target area.

All WHP installations are designed to be fully compliant with the public exposure guidelines established by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). These guidelines have the support of UK Government, the European Union and they also have the formal backing of the World Health Organisation. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance will be included within the planning submission.

Please can you review and return your comments on the preferred site and alternatives discounted. We look forward to receiving your comments within 14 days of this letter.

I confirm that WFS Telecom is an authorised supplier for the main contractor WHP Telecoms.

Yours faithfully,



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Enc: Location Plan



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