

## **Appendix 1**

Summary of responses to Councillor Finn's letter to Scottish Planning Convenors seeking views on the siting of telecommunications masts on public footways. Some of the following responses may represent the personal opinions of councillors rather than the agreed position of the planning authority concerned.

"RAUCS" = Road Works and Utilities Commission for Scotland

Aberdeen City	similar experience to WDC and share frustration, but believe that it is unlikely that a fee would be introduced
Aberdeenshire	has not been a major issue but would welcome clearer guidance on siting of masts from RAUCS
Angus	not aware of any particular issues with telecoms masts on footpaths provided footpath is not obstructed
Argyll and Bute	most masts in A&B are on private land, but support introduction of fee, perhaps as a single payment rather than as an annual rent
East Lothian	main concern is convenience/safety of road users, new RAUCS guidance should allow consistency across Scotland
East Renfrewshire	share WDC's experience and support introduction of fee
Edinburgh City	major issue in Edinburgh, and support introduction of fee
Eilean Siar	no experience of issue
Highland	similar experience to WDC, interested in outcome of any discussions with Scottish Government
Inverclyde	agree that introduction of fee may make footpaths less attractive to mast operators
North Lanarkshire	share WDC's experience and support introduction of fee
South Lanarkshire	would welcome income from fees, but it would be difficult to make a distinction between telecoms operators and other utilities