

#### Our ref: YO007 Keld Head Farm

19/06/2015

Ms Lisa Bolland, Town Clerk The Shambles Crown Square Kirkbymoorside York YO62 6AY

Dear Ms Bollard (Town Clerk),

# **Arqiva's Smart Meter Network**

# Proposed Development at Keld Held Farm, Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire, YO62 6EN

Daly International act as agents for Argiva.

This letter is to draw Kirkbymoorside Town Council's attention to a planning application to be submitted by Arqiva to install Smart Metering network equipment at Keld Held Farm and to provide contact details should you wish to make further enquiries.

### **Argiva**

Arqiva is a British company which builds, owns, hosts and operates shared radio communications infrastructure. Argiva owns and operates the UK's TV and radio broadcasting transmitter network and it hosts a large number of other radio transmission services on its sites.

### The Smart Metering programme

The Government is committed to the full rollout of smart electricity and gas meters to homes and small businesses across Great Britain between 2014 and 2019. The smart metering initiative is an important part of the government's programme to cut greenhouse gas emissions, decarbonise the economy and support the creation of new green jobs and technologies.

Consumers will benefit by having real time information on their energy consumption, to help them control energy use, save money and reduce emissions.

The Department of Energy & Climate Change has awarded the contract to deliver the radio communications network for Smart Metering for Scotland and Northern England to Argiva.

# This proposal

Smart metering will use dedicated radio base stations to communicate with meters. This base station is designed to communicate with meters in Kirkbymoorside and its surrounds.

As shown in detail in the drawings enclosed, Arqiva is proposing to install an 18m high lattice tower supporting 1 no. omni antenna; and 2 no. Smart Metering equipment cabinets at ground level all enclosed by a 2.2m high chain-link fence with 1m wide access gate. The proposed tower would be co-located next to an existing mast.

The proposal presents the optimum solution in terms of balancing environmental and operational considerations. It is considered the proposed installation will not appear as an incongruent addition to the local landscape, and the overall visual impact of the proposal will be low.

If you have any comments or questions about this proposal please contact us so that your views can, if practicable, be taken into account before we make an application to the planning authority. My contact details are given below.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of Argiva Ltd

