



Bothenhampton & Walditch
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BT Pole Objection Team
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BT Pole BT 9S 20 3i; Old Church Road, Bothenhampton, Bridport, Dorset DT6 4BP

I am writing in connection with the above-referenced telegraph pole, installed on 11 November on Old Church Road in Bothenhampton.

A local resident has raised his concern with us over this installation, and in particular the location of the pole in the middle of a stretch of old cobbled pavement outside his house.

Cobblestones were removed to accommodate the pole. Furthermore, we understand from the contractors working on a housing development nearby that additional work is planned for next year to bury cables leading from the pole to the building site. This additional work would apparently require the removal of more cobblestones. If so, we would request that BT kindly replace any cobblestones it might remove, once that work is completed.

The local resident also claims that this particular stretch of lane is unadopted, and we understand that this may well be correct. The Highways Department of Dorset Council have told us that, before a telegraph pole can be installed on an unadopted road, BT should first consult the relevant local residents.

If so, we would therefore like to establish if local residents were consulted before the installation of this pole; and, if not, why there was an apparent oversight in this case.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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