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## 5G Strategy

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### Information Request and Response by Lewes District Council

1. *Do you have a 5G strategy?*

**No.**

*If no, I request all documentation, memos, emails and communication on companies and entities you're in talks with regarding the formulation of a 5G strategy.*

**Lewes District Council is not in talks with any companies or entities regarding the formulation of a 5G strategy.**

2. *I request the name/s of the Officer/s in charge of the 5G strategy and roll out including their CV and qualifications in 5G and Smart Cities; and who their subject area expert or consultancy is, their CV and qualifications on 5G and Smart Cities.*

**Not applicable.**

3. *Are you in talks with any experts, companies or entities about autonomous vehicles (AV) for public transport and/or private use on Public Highways?*

**Lewes District Council is not the responsible authority for public highways in the district and therefore do not hold this information. The responsible authority is East Sussex County Council and their Freedom of Information Officer can be contacted at the address below.**

**Freedom of Information Officer  
East Sussex County Council  
W1D, D Floor, West Block  
County Hall  
St Anne's Crescent  
Lewes  
BN7 1UE  
Tel: 01273 482913**

Email: [foi@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:foi@eastsussex.gov.uk)

4. *Do you have a strategy for smart roads and smart signage on Public Highways and Public Spaces.*

**Please see response to question 3 above.**

5. *Are you planning to rollout or have rolled out LED street lighting?*

**Lewes District Council is not the responsible authority for street lighting in the borough and therefore do not hold this information. The responsible authority is East Sussex County Council and their Freedom of Information Officer can be contacted at the address given in response to question 3 above.**

6. *Where do you have 3G and 4G systems in public spaces and public roads and what are the makes and models?*

**As mentioned above Lewes District Council is not the responsible authority for public highways in the borough so would not hold information regarding any systems in place on them, nor do we hold the information in respect of other public spaces in the borough.**

**I have been advised that the government, in an attempt to support the telecoms industry (both phone and internet), have developed a prior approval regime. This means that if a telecommunications mast is proposed by a licensed operator (one of the big phone companies) and it complies to prescribed parameters then there is no need for a formal planning application to be made, only a notification process, whereby the council are informed of their intention to implement the construction.**

**The above approach would also apply if an operator wanted to upgrade their infrastructure due to technological enhancements such as 5G.**

**Therefore, Lewes District Council does not hold details of the information requested; however, mobile phone companies usually inform the council's planning officers of any updates they are planning to telecommunications masts in the borough, but not all the time.**

**Any concerns about the health impacts of an installation should be taken up with the relevant regulator as the council do not have any powers in this regard. Details of how to contact Ofcom are provided below.**

**Ofcom  
Riverside House  
2a Southwark Bridge Road  
London**

**SE1 9HA**

**Tel: 0300 123 3333 or 020 7981 3040**