

## Village to March on Health

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Many masts are in direct proximity to schools, 'the future generation' which should be protected from the possibility of cancer and reproductive problems; issues that are thought to be attributed to living within close proximity to phone masts, as well as heart attacks. These are some of the concerns a group of worried parents in Gáldar have, as they also have a campaign to remove the equipment, which is above their local schools, pointing out that the masts are so tall they are visible with 'Google Earth.'

This public outcry is being made all over the island and a surprising number of villagers are taking their Council to task, with little success. Telde; Santa Brígida; Arucas and Vecindario are just some of the other areas campaigning to have antennae removed. The moganblogplaza.blogspot.com site has a photo taken from the satellite, showing the masts and their proximity to schools in Arguineguín, at the heart of a busy community, its health centre, the church and residents' homes; all well within a few hundred meter radius.

They had a gathering last week at the church square with the intention of educating and answering questions about the actual danger posed to the health of the village of Arguineguín, with information being given by Dr. Juan de la Bárcena. The councilman for health in Mogán has agreed to look into the data of health issues and the population in the municipality.

In an entry

on [ecoboletin.com](http://ecoboletin.com) they cite two studies which claim to have proof that mobile phone masts should be positioned a distance away from the population, one stating at least 350m, the other 400m, but both studies agreeing that there is a significant increase in the cancer rate for those living close to a mast. The neighbourhood group of Las Lomas has a current petition and has collected a respectable wad of forms, with petition forms available to sign in most shops and businesses and even at a well positioned table set up at the local school, open for the September term enrollment.

The issue is being forced onto the political agenda by the public reactions to the non-action of the Councils to remove illegally cited antennae.

The Green party has been pushing for a clarification and change in the law for several years but still it hasn't been politically agreed and stamped into law. Their bill is asking for masts not to be positioned on top of homes or within 50 meters and a minimum of 100 meters from hospitals, nursing homes and schools, although why it is reasonable for a child to live in a house 50 meters from a mast but not to learn within 100meters is something that could well be discussed when it is seriously addressed in parliament, as it is scheduled to be in the near future!

ATEMO  
[noalasantenas.blogspot.com](http://noalasantenas.blogspot.com)

Demonstration  
sat 19th July, 11.00am Plaza Doctor Rafael O'Shannahan, Las Palmas.

The neighborhood association of Las Lomas meets Thursday's 8.00pm in the Parque de Pino Seco square, Arguineguín. [moganblogplaza.blogspot.com](http://moganblogplaza.blogspot.com)

Demonstration  
in Arguineguín Friday 4th July 6.00pm.

From Plaza de Pino Seco to Plaza de las Marañuelas, passing by masts installed in Arguineguín.