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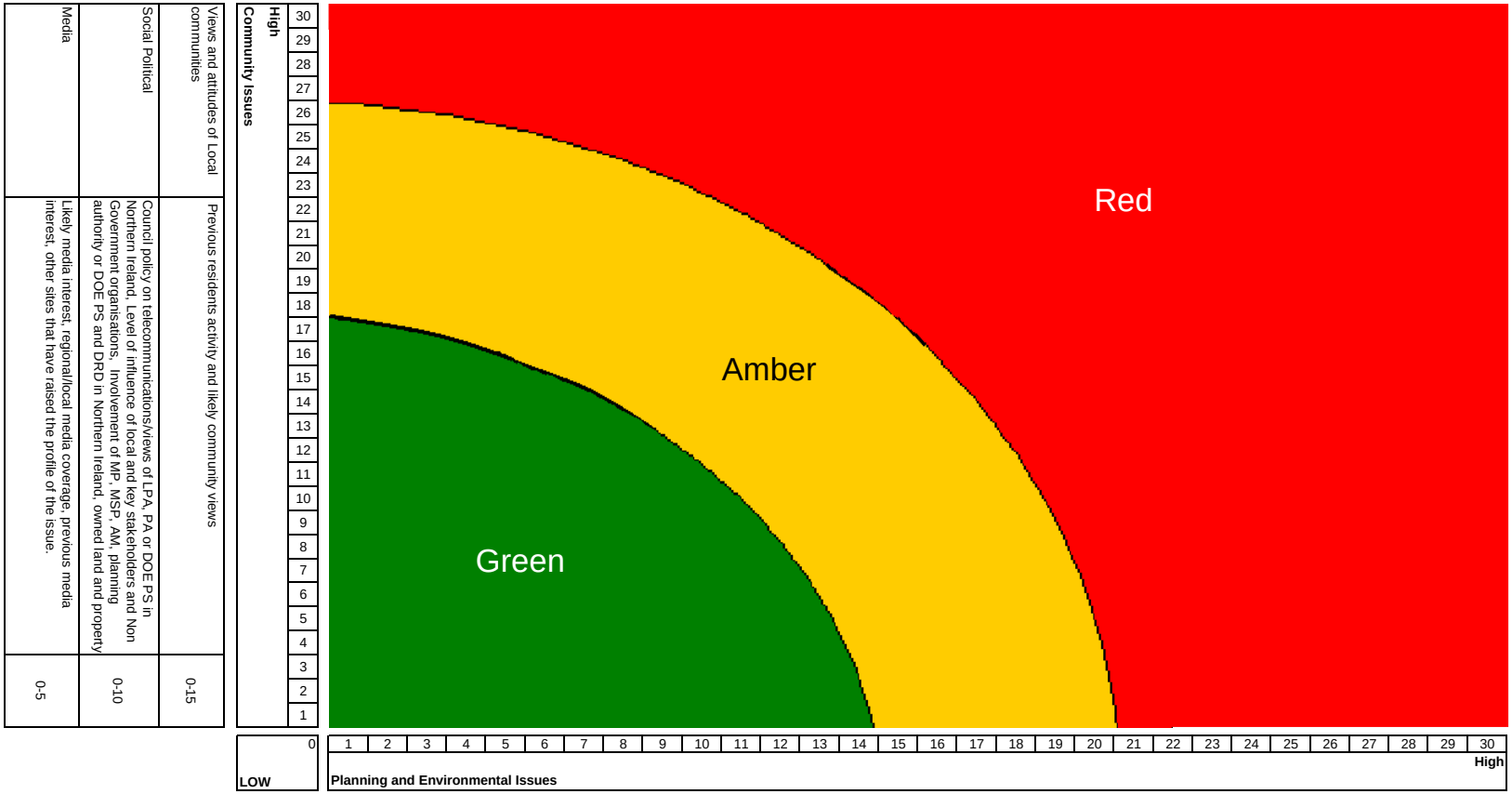
TRAFFIC LIGHT RATING MODEL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION



The Traffic Light Model must be used to give an overall Rating for each proposed site. The Model combines elements of subjectivity and objectivity and is intended as a guide to the degree of consultation necessary. Once the Rating has been determined then the Consultation Strategy is used to provide the options available in respect of the level of public consultation. It is important to seek LPA/PA/DOE PS (Divisional Planning Office) input into the process. The rating for each site is to reviewed at least once – in particular after pre-application consultation.

Sensitive Land Use	Site in relation to residential property, homes and schools and other sensitive land uses such as nurseries, playgroups, playgrounds and hospitals.	0-15
Siting and Appearance	Siting – existence of topographical features and natural vegetation, flora and fauna, impact on skyline or horizon, townscape clutter, site in relation to existing masts, structures or buildings (including historical or traditional character), views of recognised importance. Appearance - height in relation to surrounding land; appearance of the installation; materials, colouration, dimensions (other than height), overall shape; solid or open framework, transmission solutions (i.e. impact of dish). Type of site - new site, upgrade, swap out, mast share	0-10
Planning	Development Plan Policies including Green Belt designation, Precedents/Site History, Impact on sites of special land use designation such as National Parks, AONB, Conservation Area, SSSI, ASSI, Listed Buildings etc. See Guidelines for using the Traffic Light model for a more comprehensive list.	0-5