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Communication from the Municipality of Junglinster
Transmission towers in Junglinster – Information for citizens

Over the past few days, several questions have been raised regarding the three transmission towers located in Junglinster. The municipality would like to provide the following information:

The three transmission towers and the relevant plots of land are privately owned.

In 2022, the National Institute for Architectural Heritage (INPA), respectively the Ministry of Culture, decided not to grant protected monument status to the three transmission towers.

However, certain elements of the historic installation remain protected: the main building and the three cooling basins are listed as protected monuments and will therefore be preserved.

The owner has decided to dismantle the transmission towers. The installations have not been in use for some time. Maintenance costs are extremely high, and despite existing safety measures, people regularly climb the towers, which poses a significant safety risk.

Moreover, the dismantling is not linked to the implementation of a possible future construction project. The transmission towers will therefore be removed regardless of whether another project is developed on this site in future.

The municipality has reviewed the request to dismantle the transmission towers in accordance with the applicable legal and municipal provisions. The municipality bases its decisions on the General Development Plan (PAG), the Specific Development Plan (PAP), the building regulations and other applicable legal requirements.

Provided an application complies with all these provisions, the municipality is legally required to issue the corresponding authorisation. It cannot prevent an owner from dismantling private infrastructure without legal grounds. Refusing authorisation without legal grounds would not comply with the law and could have legal consequences for the municipality.

The municipality understands that the transmission towers are of particular significance to many citizens and form part of Junglinster’s history. However, it must take decisions in accordance with legal provisions and within the scope of its competences.

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What will happen next with the 'Um Bichel' site?

Despite the dismantling of the transmission towers, no decision has yet been made regarding the future development of the site.

The municipality and the Ministry of Housing and Spatial Planning have signed an agreement to analyse the site's development potential. As part of this process, a master plan will first be prepared. Urban planners, engineers and other specialists will collaborate to devise various potential development scenarios. The owners, as well as citizens, will also be involved in this process.

This stage will involve assessing what is realistically possible and appropriate for the site.

Whether the site can be developed at all will depend on several important conditions. In particular, detailed studies will need to be carried out on:

- the capacity of technical infrastructures (drinking water, wastewater and rainwater management);
- mobility and related traffic and noise aspects;
- the capacity of public infrastructures, such as schools, childcare facilities, crèches and other municipal services.

Only once these analyses have been completed, and if they lead to a positive conclusion, can a decision be made about the site's possible future development. Based on the current situation, such a decision is therefore not expected before the end of 2028.