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For the attention of Councillors David Browne, Nilgun Canver and Zena Brabazon

Dear Sir/Madam,

PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITY

CELL REF: CS 13563
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We act on behalf of both the Telefónica O2 Group and the Vodafone Group who have formed a strategic partnership to share mobile assets here in the UK and across Europe. In the UK this means O2 will be working closely together with Vodafone. This agreement allows both organisations to:-

- Consolidate the number of base stations required through sharing which is in accordance with Government Policy
- Significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development

However, O2 and Vodafone will continue to compete in the telecoms market to retain and win customers and both will continue to differentiate themselves on the quality of the customer experience. Although they're sharing infrastructure, they'll operate entirely independently as businesses with separate network strategies. Accordingly the key focus will be on the joint build of new sites and consolidation of existing Second Generation (2G) and Third Generation (3G) sites.

Proposal

The following works are proposed:-

- Removal of 6 No. existing Vodafone antennas
- Installation of 6 No. new joint operator antennas
- Installation of 1No. new equipment cabinet to be located inside existing cabin

Consultation

The operators are committed to improving consultation with local communities and therefore the purpose of this letter is to notify you, as representative of the local community, of the likely submission of a planning application for the development noted above. Please note that any queries/comments you may have will be gratefully received and will be taken into account during the finalisation of this proposal. We would be also happy to arrange a meeting, should that be deemed necessary.

We must emphasize that this is in advance of any formal application and separate from any process that the local planning authority might engage.

We appreciate that the Council may have a stance regarding the expression of opinion by elected members in relation to forthcoming planning applications. However, we believe that there are benefits to the community in notifying you of our intentions and you may wish to pass on the enclosed details to other interested parties, such as constituents or residents groups. We would also be most grateful for any comments you may wish to make on their behalf or, alternatively, if you would prefer to advise us of any local stakeholders or groups that might like to make comments on our proposals we can provide them with details of our proposals directly.

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Technology

O2 and Vodafone provide mobile telecommunications networks offering a combination of information, mobile and telephone services enabling people to make a telephone call or access information, such as the Internet, wherever and whenever they want. New technology (3G) is developing rapidly and it is anticipated that the system will evolve to offer services such as videophones and interactive information facilities. Mobile phones are now intrinsic to our personal and professional lives and people expect to be able to use their mobiles when and where they need them. However, in order to provide and improve upon a high quality of service, the development of further base station infrastructure is required.

Base stations are low power radio frequency transmitters. They must be close to where customers need coverage because without sufficient base stations in the right locations, mobile phones will not work. Locations for mobile phone base stations are identified by monitoring the growth in calls in each cell and also from known 'holes' in the coverage.

Why was this site selected?

In this instance, the incoming operator's radio planner has identified the need to improve the existing coverage within the locale. Following a local survey of the area, the existing base station site was selected as the best available option, given that a sharable solution can be achieved with only minimal alteration to the site

Whilst we appreciate that the proposal will result in the installation of an additional cabinet, this will be located to the west of the mast structure and parallel to edge of the grass verge, providing a symmetrical appearance to the site as shown in the proposed elevation drawing. Although the existing antennas will be replaced these works will be screened behind the GRP shroud with no amendment to the appearance of the mast structure taking place.

The only alternative to a joint O2 and Vodafone solution at the subject site would be the development of a second ground based base station within the immediate locale resulting in a much greater aesthetical impact than that of the subject proposal.

The subject site is located within a mixed land use pocket within a predominantly residential area. Furthermore, it does not appear to fall within a designated conservation area, nor does it fall within a visual context of any sensitive historic site. As a result of the above we would consider that the proposal may be progressed under Permitted Development Rights through the submission of a Regulation 5 Notification. No formal planning application will therefore be submitted.

A location plan and elevation drawing have been attached to assist you in identifying the subject site and the proposed redevelopment.

Health and Safety

International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) Guidelines for public exposure adopted in the UK. We can confirm that the installation proposed above will comply with these Guidelines and that because of the very low power utilized by telecommunications sites the emissions will actually be many times lower than the ICNIRP threshold. A typical base station is about 1,000 times less than from a mobile phone.

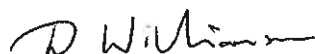
The independent UK Health Protection Agency Advisory Group on Non Ionising Radiation (January 2004) had a very positive message for the public on masts and health. "Exposure levels from living near mobile phone base stations are extremely low and the overall evidence indicates that they are unlikely to pose a risk to human health". Please find enclosed leaflets that give further information on health and safety in relation to mobile phones and base stations.

If there is any further information you consider would assist you in addressing the matters in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Alternatively, one can contact the operators directly using the details noted at the bottom of this letter.

Conclusion

We trust this information has been of benefit to you and look forward to receiving your comments at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully,



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