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Dear Ms Donophy,

Junction of Crookhorn Lane and St John's Avenue, Waterlooville

Application to determine whether prior approval is required for proposed 5G telecoms installation: H3G 15m street pole and additional equipment cabinets.

Thank you for your consultation on the above planning application. The Highway Authority wish to make the following comments.

The proposed location for the mast is on a grass verge along Crookhorn Lane adjacent to St Johns Avenue. The verge is currently grass with a couple of highway trees and a lighting column.

Crookhorn Lane is identified on the Havant LCWIP as a secondary route for walking and cycling improvements. The proposed location of the 5G mast and associated equipment cabinets compromises the Highway Authorities ability to deliver identified walking and cycling improvements along this route in the future. This is contrary to HCC's emerging LTP4 guidance which seeks to prioritise pedestrian and cycle movements and encourage modal shift away from the use of the private car in response to the climate emergency.

It appears that alternative locations for the 5G mast and associated equipment cabinets are available nearby to the current proposal. The Highway Authority are supportive of the use of alternative verges along St Johns Avenue in close proximity to the current proposal which are located further away from the secondary LCWIP route.

Having regard to the above, the Highway Authority object to the proposed location of the 5G mast and associated equipment cabinets for the following reason:

Director of Hampshire 2050
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The location of the 5G mast and associated facilities will prevent the future delivery of identified pedestrian and cycle improvements along Crookhorn Lane as identified within the Havant LCWIP and is therefore contrary to NPPF Paragraph 112.

Reason: In the interest of delivering high quality pedestrian and cycle infrastructure.

It is therefore requested that the mast is relocated based on the above comments, and that further consideration is given to protect and maintain any existing trees from excavation and any associated construction works.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Osborne
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