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Dear Mr Speller,

Corner of Newtown Lane and Manor Road, Hayling Island

**Application for prior approval of proposed 5G telecommunications installation:
H3G 15 metre 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 is on the verge alongside Newtown Lane at the junction of Manor Road. The verge is currently grass with a number of established highway trees. In accordance with Hampshire County Council Technical Guidance TG15 section 3.6, trees should be retained wherever possible, and prime consideration should be given to the well-being of trees. The Highway Authority urge the applicant to find a more suitable location for this proposed 5G mast and associated equipment cabinets. The provision as shown would likely result in the need for removal of these established trees which should be avoided unless absolutely necessary. It is noted that there is alternative grass verges in the vicinity which are not subject to tree planting.

Any loss of these trees in accordance with TG15 would be subject to mitigation payments for replacement planting. The Highway Authority have a holding objection to the location of the proposed 5G mast and associated equipment cabinets for the following reasons::

- Any excavation within the root protection areas will damage the tree roots;
- The oak trees are young in this location and their continued growth will conflict with the proposed apparatus;

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- On-going tree pruning to provide clearances for the apparatus will be detrimental to the trees size, form, future benefits and will be a costly maintenance burden;
- Replacement tree planting does not truly compensate for the loss of established trees and therefore, existing trees should not be removed unless wholly necessary; and
- Any loss of trees would be subject to CAVAT payment for the loss of a highway asset.

Having regard to the above, the Highway Authority recommend that alternative locations are considered and in the absence of alternative locations the applicant should provide an Arboriculture assessment regarding the impacts on the trees and the associated CAVAT assessment for compensation of any tree loss.

Yours faithfully,

Sophie Osborne
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