

APP/16/01242

LAND AT SPARKES BOATYARD, WITTERING ROAD, HAYLING ISLAND.

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APPLICATION FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED UPGRADE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION THROUGH REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING 14M HIGH MONOPOLE WITH A NEW 15M MONOPOLE SUPPORTING 3 NO ANTENNAS, INSTALLATION OF 2 NO. ADDITIONAL RADIO EQUIPMENT CABINETS AND DEVELOPMENT WORKS

PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

NPPF paragraphs 42-46; NPPG ID8, ID44, Havant Borough Local Plan CS11, CS12, CS16, DM1, DM8, DM9 DM20. Chichester Harbour AONB Planning Principles: PP1 Chichester Harbour as a Protected Area, PP17 Telecommunication Development.

CONSERVANCY OFFICERS COMMENTS

The existing 14m high monopole is situated on the northwest corner of Sparkes Boatyard, at the top of Fishery Creek within the AONB, adjacent to the public footpath and visible from the west and southwest in the wider landscape. It is also visible from the foreshore public footpath to the southwest within the AONB. (Please see photos attached.) The monopole is sited against a line of trees next to the boatyard.

The existing monopole is a flag pole style mast, coloured white, of minimal bulk. The mast although next to trees, is also viewed more as a stand-alone structure, when seen from public vantage points to the west, northwest and southwest. The flag pole style is relatively sympathetic to the location and is seen together with boat masts in Sparkes boatyard. It does not appear as an obvious standard telecommunications monopole. The proposed replacement monopole is 1m higher than the existing and overall is a much bulkier standard design monopole, steel with a galvanized finish i.e. coloured grey. The supporting information submitted with the application sets out why this location is still needed and the replacement monopole is required to meet coverage and upgrades in the service; but fails to show what design options have been considered for this protected landscape location.

It is understood there is a need to replace the mast in this location; however the replacement monopole as currently shown is much bulkier and less sensitive to its protected AONB landscape site. It would provide a more obvious intrusive structure when seen in the wider AONB landscape. It is recommended that prior approval be required for the operator to provide a more sensitive design appropriate to its AONB landscape setting.

RECOMMENDATION

Prior approval is required.

