

Recommendation:

CS11	(Protecting and Enhancing the Special Environment and Heritage of Havant Borough)
CS16	(High Quality Design)
CS19	(Effective Provision of Infrastructure)
DM10	(Pollution)

DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features)

Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) July 2014

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Department of Trade and Industry No comments received

Development Engineer - Highways No adverse comment to this application.

6 Community Involvement

This application was publicised in accordance with the Council's Code of Practice for Publicity of Planning Applications approved at minute 207/6/92 (as amended), as a result of which the following publicity was undertaken:

Number of neighbour notification letters sent: 34

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Summary:

Comment:

7 Planning Considerations

Having regard to the relevant policies of the development plan it is considered that the main issues arising from this application are:

- (i) Principle of development
- (ii) Impact upon the streetscene
- (iii) Impact upon residential amenity

(i) Principle of development

The existing mast and antenna need upgrading. The application relates to an existing telecommunications site and the principle of such development is acceptable subject to the usual development control criteria.

(ii) Impact upon the streetscene

The proposed mast would be of the same height and colour as the existing mast but marginally thicker by about a third. However, due to the existing street furniture the existing mast is not overly prominent in the streetscene. The proposed mast whilst more bulky is of monopole design and would not be significantly more prominent in the street scene, meeting the requirements of policy CS16 of the HBLP (Core Strategy) and is considered to be acceptable.

(iii) Impact upon residential amenity

The nearest residential properties are set back from the installation, and the proposed replacement mast would have limited and an acceptable impact on residential amenity, meeting the requirements of policy CS16 of the HBLP (Core Strategy). It is noted no objections were received regarding the application.

8 Conclusion

It is accepted that, given the existing mast, there is no available better site in the area, and the proximity of the adjacent street furniture, together with its monopole appearance should mean that the replacement mast would have little additional impact on the area.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning be authorised to for application APP/16/01024