

This application is made pursuant to Part 24 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 as amended and seeks to determine whether the prior approval of the Authority would be required for the siting and appearance of telecommunications development. In this case this consists of the replacement of the existing 17m high pole and 3 antenna with a new 17.m high Swann's Column A monopole supporting 6 no. antenna to be located on the existing

foundation, and associated ancillary development.

4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011

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

Environmental Health Manager, Community Group:- No adverse comments

Landscape Team:- There would be no landscape objection if an application was to be submitted, subject to confirmation that the replacement equipment and mast would be of a colour to match that currently insitu and existing chain-link & barb wire compound fencing (in poor condition) will be replaced.

(Officer note - The agent has confirmed that the proposed replacement structure would be galvanised steel, as per the existing structure. The application does not include the replacement of or alteration to the compound fencing, which is outside the scope of the current application.)

Development Engineer - Highways No adverse comments

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: 10

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Summary:

Comment:

7 Planning Considerations

7.1 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 due to their age need replacing. 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 as the existing lattice support structure but would be of monopole design, and both the supporting structure and headframe which would be upgraded from 3 antenna to 6, would be of bulkier appearance. However, due to the siting, set back from the public domain and the treed nature of the site, the existing mast is not prominent in the street scene. 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 located some distance 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 trees, 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 GRANT Prior approval for application APP/16/00950

subject to the following conditions

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

OS location plan

Site Plan EE/61929/A3/GA/WT-0-V2

Existing site elevations - EE/61929/A3/GA/WT-02-V2

Proposed site elevations EE/61929/A3/GA/WT-02-V2

Reason: - To ensure provision of a satisfactory development.

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date on which this planning permission was granted.
Reason: To comply with Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.