

Recommendation: **GRANT PERMISSION**

3 Proposal

Upgrade of existing telecommunications installation in order to enhance 3G services and introduce 4G. Replacement of 17m high monopole structure with 17.5m high monopole structure on new base and relocation of existing 300mm dish from existing to new, replacement of 1no. equipment cabinet and addition of 1no. new cabinet and development ancillary thereto, all within the existing compound.

4 Policy Considerations

National Policies

National Planning Policy Framework

Core Strategies 2011 forming part of the HBLDF

CS16 (High Quality Design)

DM10 (Pollution)

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable

Conservation Area: Not applicable

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Development Engineer -No comments.

Environmental Health Manager - No adverse comments.

OFCOM - No response received.

Environment Agency - No objection in principle. Recommend informative applied with the regard to the possible need for an environmental permit

Building Control - No comments

Engineering - No drainage observations

Southern Water - exact location of sewer must be determined on site before work commences - Informative to be included on decision

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: 5

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable

Number of representations received: None

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) Need for development and health issues
- (iii) Impact on visual and neighbouring amenities

(i) Principle of development

Paragraph 45 of the National Planning Policy Framework is explicit in setting out the necessary evidence required in support of planning applications for telecommunications development, in order to justify the proposal. This should include: The outcome of consultations with organisations with an interest in the proposed development; A statement that self certifies that exposure, when operational, will not exceed International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) guidelines, and (for a new mast or base station), evidence that the applicant has explored the possibility of erecting antennae on an existing building, mast or other structure.

An ICNIRP certificate has been included with the current application . The application is for the upgrade of an existing equipment and to this regard an acceptable Site Specific Supplementary Information document has been submitted

(ii) Need for development and health issues

The new installation is required upgrade the current 2G and 3G network coverage. The proposed upgrade would enhance existing 3G services and introduce new 4G technology to the site. The current proposal is therefore sought as a permanent ongoing solution to coverage requirements in this area.

Notwithstanding the above, paragraph 46 of the NPPF states that Local Planning Authorities should not question the need for a telecommunications systems (and thus, by implication, elements of that system). Paragraph 46 also advises that Local Planning Authorities should not need to determine health safeguards if the proposal meets International Commission guidelines for public exposure – in the case of the current proposal, acceptable justification has been provided to this effect.

(iii) Impact on visual and neighbouring amenities

It is not considered that there will be a detrimental impact on the visual amenities of the area as the site is located within a commercial area and the application seeks to upgrade existing equipment. With regard to neighbouring amenities, an ICNIRP certificate has been included with the current application and the monopole is of comparable height to the existing pole.

8 Conclusion

It is considered that the upgrading of the existing equipment on site has been demonstrated as acceptable within the supporting documentation submitting with this application.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning be authorised to **GRANT PERMISSION** for application APP/16/00374 subject to the following conditions

- 1 The development must be begun not later than three years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsary Purchase Act 2004.

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

Site Specific Supplementary Information received 13 April 2016

Declaration of Conformity with ICNIRP Certificate received 13 April 2016

Site Location Plan received 13 April 2016

Site Layout Plan drwg.no EE/55905/A3/GA/WT-01 received 13 April 2016

Site Layout Plan drwg.no EE/55705/A3/GA/WT-02 received 13 April 2016

Reason: - To ensure provision of a satisfactory development.