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CTIL & VODAFONE LTD

AGENT: DALY INTERNATIONAL

REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING 15M MONOPOLE WITH A NEW 17.5M MONOPOLE; INSTALLATION OF 1 NO. NEW EQUIPMENT CABINET; INSTALLATION OF 2 NO. NEW 300MM DISH ANTENNAS; PLUS ANCILLARY WORKS.

LAND AT - ROWNER ROAD

Report By

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Site Description

The site lies on the southern side of Rowner Road, 75 metres eastwards of the Peel Common roundabout.

The nearest residential property is 105 metres to the east within Gosport Borough.

Description of Proposal

Planning permission is being sought to replace an existing 15 metre high monopole with a new 17.5 metre high monopole installation, including one new equipment cabinet; installation of two 300mm dish antennas, plus ancillary works.

Policies

The following policies apply to this application:

Approved Fareham Borough Core Strategy

CS17 - High Quality Design

Development Sites and Policies

DSP55 - Telecommunications

Relevant Planning History

The following planning history is relevant:

P/01/0110/SU: Erection of 12.5 Metre High Monopole Telecommunications Mast, Antenna, Dish and Equipment Cabinets and Ancillary Works - PRIOR APPR NOT REQUIRED 15/03/2001

P/06/0383/SU: Installation of 15 Metre High Telecommunications Mast, 1No. Equipment Cabinet and Ancillary Development - STAT UND NOT REQUIRED 08/05/2006

Representations

No representation have been received.

Planning Considerations - Key Issues

THE PRINCIPLE FOR DEVELOPMENT:

This planning application relates to an existing 15 metre telecommunication mast monopole which is to be replaced with a new 17.5m monopole; new equipment cabinet and two 300mm dish antennas; plus ancillary works.

The current mast provides 3G only (internet) coverage to Vodafone and Telefonica customers in the area. As part of Vodafone's continued network improvement programme there is a requirement for the mast to be upgraded at this location to provide new 2G (calls) and 4G (fast data) services.

Development of this site provides an opportunity to improve the existing local telecommunications network and show compliance with national and local planning policy which both encourage the use of existing structures and sharing of telecommunications facilities.

Policy DSP55 (Telecommunications) of the adopted Local Plan Part 2: Development Sites and Policies states that telecommunications equipment will be permitted provided it is located such that it will have a minimal visual impact, sharing of facilities is explored by the applicant, landscape mitigation is provided when appropriate and that the equipment is removed and land restored when no longer needed.

The NPPF advises Local Planning Authoritys that the number of masts and base stations should be kept to a minimum (para 43). As such the option of two operators sharing an existing location is considered acceptable in principle in order to prevent the need for a new additional mast to be sited elsewhere in the borough.

IMPACT UPON AMENITY:

The application site is within the countryside on a wide highway verge. The existing mast is set back 5m from Rowner Road with a backdrop of mature trees of varying height and 12 metre high street lighting columns sited either side of the carriageway. Views of the mast from any adjacent neighbouring properties are limited and there is a good degree of separation. Notwithstanding the increase in the mast height by 2.5m officers do not consider that its visual impact would be significant on the local landscape or neighbouring properties.

OTHER MATTERS:

It is noted that the application has completed, as part of the submission, the declaration that the installation will be in compliance with the guidelines of the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation (ICNIRP).

Recommendation

PERMISSION:

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiry of three years from the date of this permission.

REASON: To comply with the procedures set out in Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

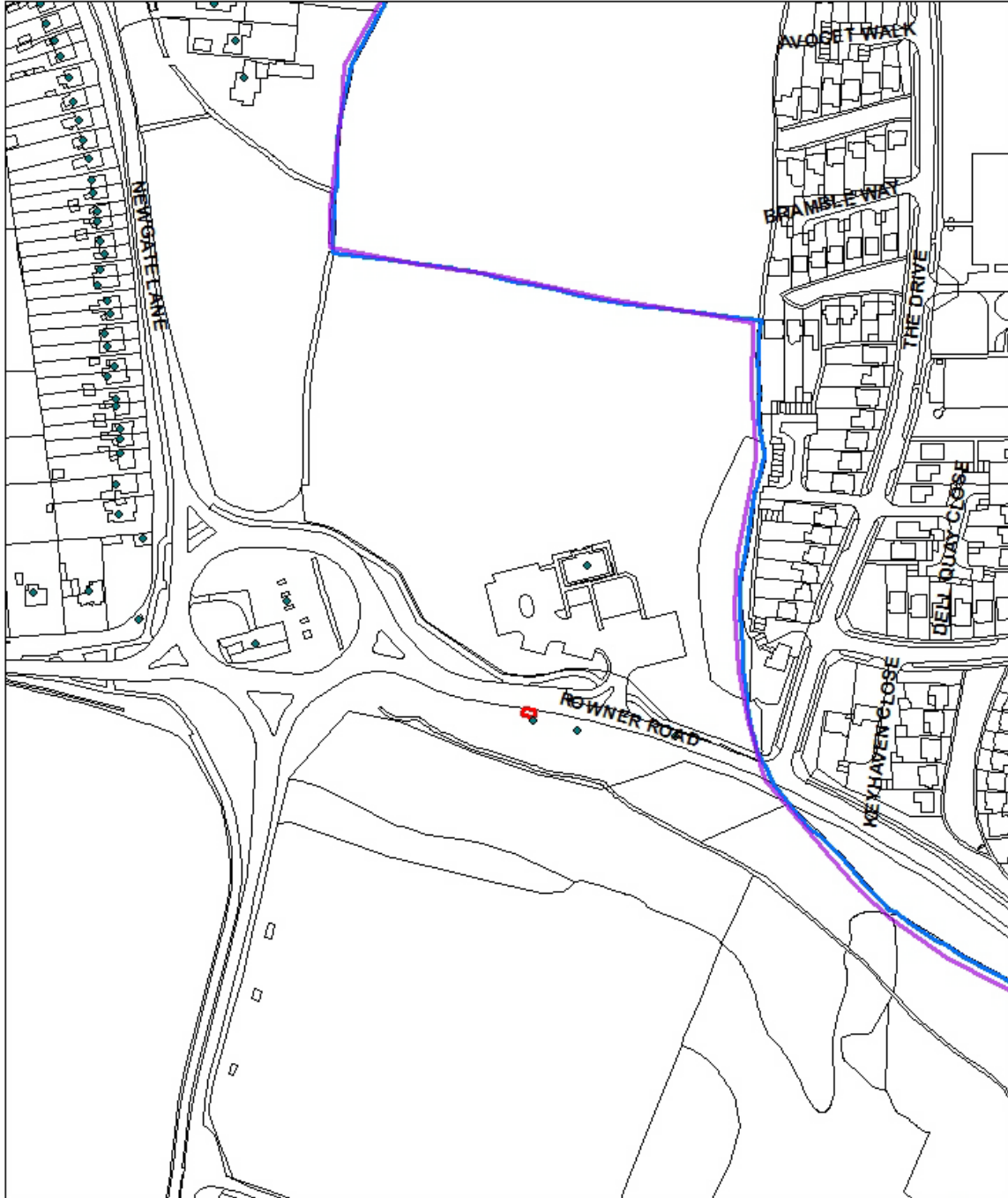
2. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved documents:

- a) Site location maps drawing number 100 rev A
- b) Existing site plan drawing number 200 rev A
- c) Proposed site plan drawing number 201 rev A
- d) Existing site elevation A rev A

e) Proposed site elevation B rev a
REASON: To avoid any doubt over what has been permitted.

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