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REMOVE AND REPLACE THE EXISTING MAST WITH A NEW SHARED 17.5M POLE
MAST AND INSTALL ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT/CABINETS

LOCKSWOOD ROAD - MOBILE PHONE MAST LOCKS HEATH SOUTHAMPTON HANTS

Report By

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Site Description

The site is located to the south west of the roundabout at the junction of Lockswood Road and Peters Road;

The replacement mast is proposed to be positioned on the west side of the road on the highway verge;

An allocated housing site (land south of Peters Road) lies to the west separated by a dense mature tree screen;

The nearest residential property is 25 metres to the south east.

Description of Proposal

Full planning permission is sought to replace an existing 14.8 metre high mast with a 17.5 metre high mast and three new cabinets.

Policies

The following policies apply to this application:

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The Planning Practice Guidance (PPG)

Approved Fareham Borough Core Strategy

CS17 - High Quality Design

Development Sites and Policies

DSP2 - Design

DSP55 - Telecommunications

Fareham Borough Local Plan Review

FS7 - Telecommunications

DG4 - Site Characteristics

Relevant Planning History

The following planning history is relevant:

P/05/0748/SU

Installation of 12 metre High Telecommunications Mast with Three Shrouded Antennas with One Equipment Cabinet

PRIOR APPR NOT 18/07/2005

REQ'D

P/10/0854/SU

REMOVE AND REPLACE THE EXISTING VODAFONE POLE WITH A NEW SHARED 14.8 METRE POLE AND ONE ADDITIONAL CABINET AT LOCKSWOOD ROAD AND JUNCTION WITH UPPER BROOK DRIVE

PRIOR APPR NOT 27/10/2010
REQ'D

Representations

One letter of representation has been received objecting on the following grounds:-

- The current eyesore will be replaced by an even bigger eyesore
- Not suitable to have it so close to a residential area
- Companies make such request for purely financial return

Consultations

Director of Planning & Development (Highways):- No objection

Planning Considerations - Key Issues

The proposal involves replacing the existing 14.8m monopole with a 17.5m monopole including two 300mm transmission dishes and three cabinets. The replacement monopole and equipment is an upgrade of the existing telecommunications base station. The difference would result in a mast 2.7 metres higher than the existing and one additional cabinet.

Vodafone has recently entered into an agreement with Telefonica pursuant to which the two companies plan to jointly operate and manage a "single network grid" across the UK. The installation of the replacement equipment with the increase in height and associated equipment is to ensure that adequate 4G coverage is provided within this area.

Saved Policy FS7 of the Borough Local Plan Review permits telecommunications developments providing 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 site is located on a grass verge adjacent to a busy road and surrounded by various street furniture. There is also a row of tall trees to the north-west of the mast which contributes to the visual blending of the equipment within the street scene.

A certificate has been submitted with the application confirming that the installation would not exceed the ICNIRP (International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation) for public exposure as expressed in EU recommendation of July 1999. The certificate takes into account the cumulative effect of the emissions from the proposed and all other radio base stations nearby.

Officers consider in light of the size design, siting and proximity of the mast to residential properties the proposal would have a minimal visual impact and is therefore considered acceptable.

Recommendation

Permission

Background Papers

P/05/0748/SU and P/10/0854/SU

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Lockwood Road
Scale 1:1,250



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