

**P/14/0243/SU**

**PORTCHESTER EAST**

CTIL & VODAFONE LIMITED

AGENT: CAIP LTD

REPLACE EXISTING 12.5M HIGH MONOPOLE MAST WITH 15M HIGH MONOPOLE MAST WITH 2 NO. 300MM DISH ANTENNAE TOGETHER WITH ONE GROUND BASED CABINET

CARLTON ROAD - TELECOMMUNICATIONS BASE - LAND AT HIGH SLOPES  
COMMUNITY HALL - FAREHAM PO16 8JH

***Report By***

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***Introduction***

This application is presented to the Planning Committee in accordance with the Council's scheme of delegation.

***Site Description***

This site consists of a community hall on the north side of Carlton Road accessed via a private drive between 72 and 78 Carlton Road.

This site has residential dwellings to the south and west with the M27 to the north and open space to the east.

The nearest residential property is approximately 50 metres to the south of the proposed mast in Browning Avenue.

The site is located within the urban area.

Levels rise significantly northwards.

***Description of Proposal***

This application seeks confirmation that "Prior Approval is Not Required" for the replacement and installation of new telecommunications apparatus.

The application is made pursuant to Schedule 2, Part 24, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 as amended. This part of the Order requires the applicant to apply to the Local Planning Authority for a determination as to whether the prior approval of the authority will be required to the Siting and Appearance of the development only.

In this case the site already accommodates a 12.5m monopole antenna with a single dark green coloured cabinet at ground level. The existing mast is a simple cylindrical shape in a dark brown colour, not dissimilar in appearance, although higher, to a telegraph pole.

This proposal seeks to replace the 12.5m high mast with a new 15m high mast, a difference in height of 2.5 metres. The mast would also have two small dish antennae positioned at 8.8 metres above ground level. At ground level it is proposed to install one new equipment cabinet and retain the existing one.

The application drawings are supported with:

- supporting statement
- background information for telecommunications development
- ICNIRP certificate

### ***Policies***

The following policies apply to this application:

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The Planning Practice Guidance (PPG)

### **Development Sites and Policies**

DSP2 - Design

DSP55 - Telecommunications

### **Fareham Borough Local Plan Review**

DG4 - Site Characteristics

FS7 - Telecommunications

### ***Relevant Planning History***

The following planning history is relevant:

**P/10/1012/SU      ERECTION OF 12.5 METRE HIGH MONOPOLE SHARED MAST  
COMPLETE WITH 6 ANTENNAS, ASSOCIATED RADIO CABINET  
AND ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT**  
PRIOR APPR NOT 09/12/2010  
REQ'D

### ***Representations***

None received

### ***Consultations***

Director of Planning and Development (Highways) - No objection

### ***Planning Considerations - Key Issues***

The key considerations for consideration are:

- The principle of development
- Siting
- Appearance
- Other matters

THE PRINCIPLE FOR DEVELOPMENT:

Decision P/10/1012/SU facilitated the installation of the existing mast and ground cabinet on the site.

As a result of a joint operation agreement between Vodafone and Telefonica UK this site has been identified to support the antenna for both operators. As such Vodafone Limited, as the applicant, is seeking to effectively replace the existing mast and share the structure with the existing operator on this site. The installation of the additional antenna for the applicant is what essentially requires the increase in height of the mast. The new structure will also ensure that adequate 4G coverage is provided to this part of the Borough.

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 NPPF advises Local Planning Authorities 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.

## SITING

As described above, Part 24 of the General Permitted Development Order only facilitates the ability to consider 'siting' and 'appearance'. In this case the siting of the mast is in a location which already benefits from a telecoms installation. As such the siting of communications equipment in this location has already been considered as acceptable.

The location is within the grounds of High Slopes Community Centre which is to the north of Carlton Road. The community centre is accessed by a private road in between residential properties in Carlton Road. The nearest residential property is approximately 50 metres to the south. In light of the topography of the site, the motorway embankment with associated fencing, nearby electricity pylons and planting to the north, all act as a backdrop to the mast.

The mast is in a similar location to the existing such that the mast and cabinet location continues to be acceptable.

## APPEARANCE:

The replacement monopole which is marginally taller than the existing was chosen as it reflects the design, colour and characteristics of the current installation.

Were the siting to be unacceptable the operator would seek to secure an alternative site which could lead to further installations and impact upon the visual amenities of the area. This would clearly conflict with the aims of the NPPF and the saved policy FS7.

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.

## 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***

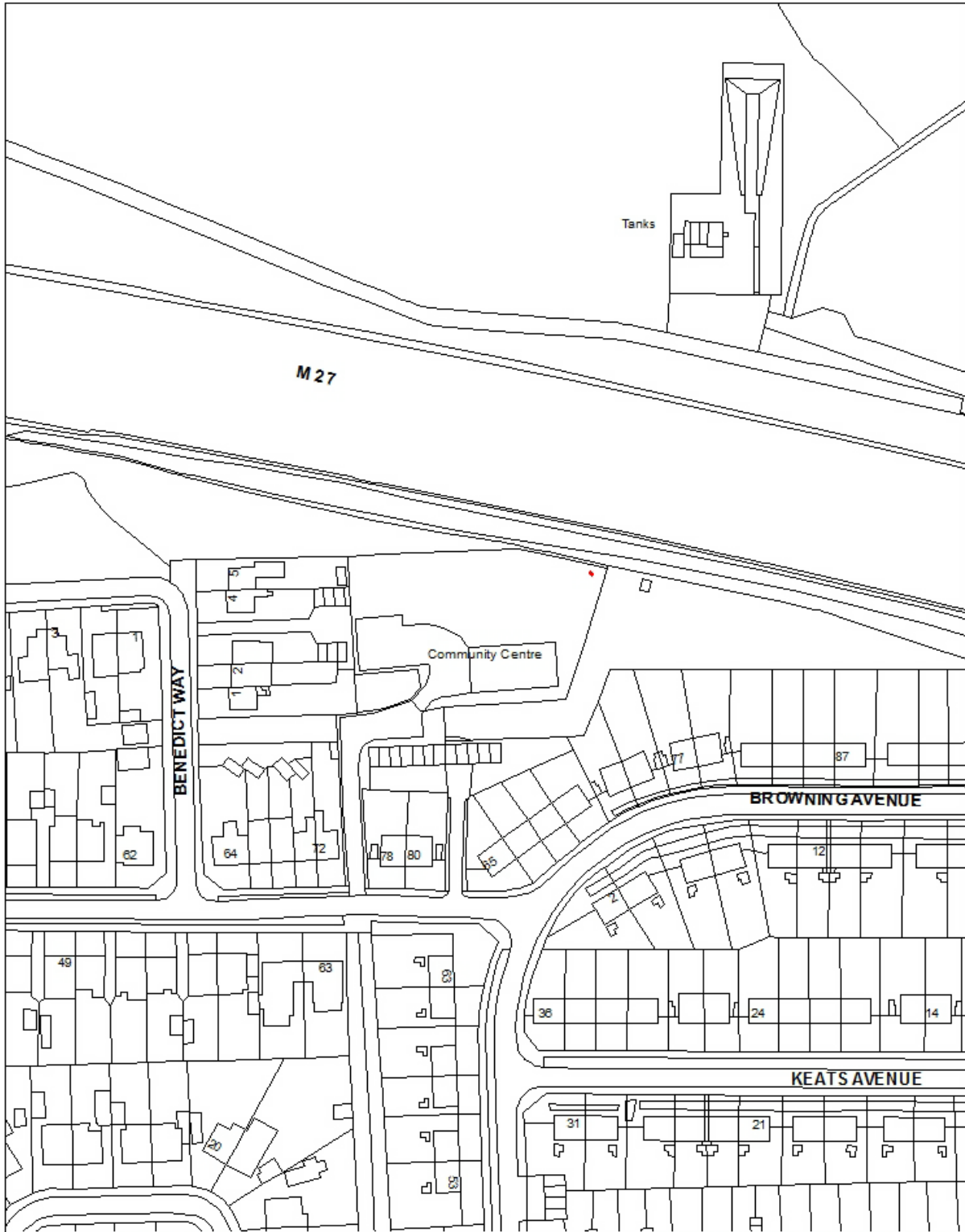
PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED:

## ***Background Papers***

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# FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL



Carlton Road  
Scale 1:1,250



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