

Our Ref: **CTIL_13657430**

Councillor Richard Cotton

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Dear Councillor Cotton,

PROPOSED UPGRADE TO BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT CTIL_13657430 BEDFORD HOUSE, 125-133 CAMDEN HIGH STREET, LONDON, NW1 7JR (E528968 / N183697)

Cornerstone is the UK's leading mobile infrastructure services company. We acquire, manage, and own over 20,000 sites and are committed to enabling best in class mobile connectivity for over half of all the country's mobile customers. We oversee works on behalf of telecommunications providers and wherever possible aim to:

- promote shared infrastructure
- maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development

Cornerstone and Telefónica are in the process of upgrading their existing telecommunications radio base installation in the Camden area. The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before any planning submission is made. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, Cornerstone and Telefónica are committed to consultation with communities on our mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of Telefónica's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for an upgrade to the existing radio base station at this location to improve Telefonica 5G coverage in the area.

Mobiles can only work with a network of base stations in place where people want to use their mobile phones or other wireless devices. Without base stations, the mobile phones and other devices we rely on simply won't work.

Please find below the details of the proposal: -

Our technical network requirement is as follows:

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The upgrade to the existing site is required in order to improve the Telefonica 5G capacity in the cell area. This is in accordance with Telefónica's and Vodafone's agreement to jointly operate and manage a single network grid across the country whilst running two independent nationwide networks. This also accords with the National Planning Policy Framework which supports the expansion of the electronic communications networks, including telecommunications and high speed broadband. Upgrading this site will allow additional Telefonica 5G capacity in to the network reducing the need for an additional telecommunications base station in the area and thus avoiding the proliferation of masts.

The proposal relates to the following works:

- Removal of existing 4no antennas and the addition of proposed 4no antennas on new support poles fixed to new freestanding frames
- Removal of existing 2no antennas to be replaced with proposed 2no antennas
- Ancillary development thereto to include the removal of existing 4no Remote Radio Units, the removal of existing 2no Remote Radio Units to be replaced with proposed 5no Remote Radio Units on existing freestanding frame, and the addition of proposed 10no Remote Radio Units on new freestanding frames

Utilising an existing established telecommunications radio base station site is considered to be more sequentially preferable than the installation of a new ground based installation for the operators elsewhere within the cell area, which would lead to the proliferation of masts. As such, alternative sites have not been considered.

The Local Planning Authority mast register and our records of other potential sites have already been reviewed, the policies in the Development Plan have been taken into account and the planning history of the site has been examined.

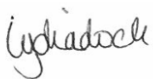
All Telefónica installations are designed to be fully compliant with the public exposure guidelines established by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). These guidelines have the support of UK Government, the European Union and they also have the formal backing of the World Health Organisation. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance will be included within the planning submission.

In order to give you time to send your comments or request further information, we commit to allow at least 14 days before an application is submitted to the Local Planning Authority. This 14 day period starts from the date at the top of this letter.

We would also be grateful if you could please advise of any local stakeholders or groups that might like to make comments.

We look forward to receiving any comments you may have on the proposal.


Yours sincerely,



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