

Our Ref: FK/ CS\_8388/ VF\_36710/ O2\_43514

Chair of the School Governors  
The Phoenix School  
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**BY RECORDED DELIVERY**

Dear Sir/Madam

**PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT PORTLAND COURT (CS\_8388/ VF\_36710/ O2\_43514) – PORTLAND COURT, 37-38 BELSIZE PARK, HAMPSTEAD, LONDON, NW3 4ED**

Telefónica O2 UK Limited has entered into a network sharing agreement with Vodafone Limited pursuant to which the two companies plan to share network equipment on a number of sites across the UK. A joint project team has been created, called Cornerstone and comprising Vodafone and O2 employees, to oversee these arrangements.

This agreement allows both organisations to:

- consolidate the number of base stations required through sharing, which is in accordance with Government Policy, and therefore
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development.

Vodafone and O2 are in the process of seeking a suitable site in the Belsize area for a radio base station. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information on the proposal and the opportunity for you to seek further information should you wish to do so.

As part of Vodafone's and O2's continued network improvement program there is a specific requirement for a radio base station at this location to provide 3G coverage to this area of Belsize Park..

The proposal, which we feel is the best solution to serve our customers in the local community, will include the installation of 3No. antennas, radio equipment housing and ancillary development thereto at roof level. In accordance with government guidance, the proposal utilises an existing building with existing telecommunications equipment and would prevent the need for a ground based mast else where in the area. Another benefit is that the proposal would be shared by two operators.

All Vodafone and O2 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 fact, because of the very low power utilised by telecommunications sites the emissions will be many times lower than the ICNIRP threshold.

We would welcome your views (within 14 days of the date of this letter) before we finalise the proposal and submit the planning application to the Local Planning Authority.

Yours sincerely



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***(for and on behalf of Vodafone (UK) Ltd and Telefónica O2 (UK) Ltd as a duly authorised agent)***

Encl. Drawings (Ref.100,200,300)

CC Mrs Lisa Mason-Jones, Head Teacher – The Phoenix School