

## **DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT**

This Design and Access Statement is provided in conjunction with the Supplementary Information Template, drawings and supporting material that was submitted with this planning application.

In accordance with the Code of Best Practice on Mobile Network Development and published Government guidance, this proposal was drawn up having regard to the need for good design.

In particular:

- Considerations of design and layout are informed by the context, having regard not just to any immediate neighbouring buildings but the townscape and landscape of the wider locality. The local pattern of streets and spaces, building traditions, materials and ecology all help to determine the character and identity of the development.
- The scale, massing and height of proposed development have been considered in relation to that of adjoining buildings; the topography, the general pattern of heights in the area; and views, vistas and landmarks.

The following general design principles have been taken into account in respect of this proposed telecommunications development:

- A proper assessment of the character of the area concerned.
- That the design shows an appreciation of context;

## **SITE CONDITIONS, TECHNICAL CONSTRAINTS, LANDSCAPE FEATURES AND CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS**

### **Introduction**

It needs to be borne in mind that the proposed development is for a mobile telecommunications installation. Hence, access is deliberately restricted, where appropriate, for the security of the installation.

### **Pre Application Discussions and Negotiations**

Date of written offer of pre-application consultation: 17/12/2014

Outline Consultation carried out with: LPA & Ward Councillors – 17/12/2014

## Documentation Submitted with Application

- Plans and elevations
- Any other relevant illustrations or photomontages
- Supporting statement

## Design Component

- Use proposed - The proposed telecommunications upgrade to this site will facilitate the provision of 4G coverage and further enhanced 2G & 3G coverage to the immediate area of Camden Town without the necessity of an additional telecommunications site
- Amount – The proposed upgrade will require a new equipment cabinet to facilitate the new 4G equipment but one of the existing equipment cabinets will be removed and replaced with the new cabinet. There will also be a requirement for additional ancillary equipment which will be fixed to the building at ground level. There will be little or no change to the visual impact of the equipment at ground level at this location but the height of the replacement telecoms pole will increase by 2m.

However, the increase in height of the proposed special structure is to accommodate the upgraded antennas required for both Telefonica and Vodafone, to enable both Operators to provide 4G coverage to the locality. The proposed increased height of this special structure will negate the necessity of an additional installation in the area to provide this service.

- Layout – The layout of the new proposed mast and equipment cabinet are very similar to the existing installation. The existing pole will be directly replaced with the new pole and one of the existing equipment cabinets will be replaced by a new cabinet which will house the radio equipment required to provide the 4G service. There will also be additional ancillary equipment required to support this new service but this will be fixed to the building at ground level, but this will not be visible from ground level.
- Scale – The new proposed mast is 2m higher than that of the existing mast but the height increase is required to accommodate the antennas of both Operators.
- Landscaping – There will be no change to the landscaping of the site except for the addition of some additional ancillary equipment at ground level, fixed to the building, but this is not visible from the Regent's Canal towpath.
- Appearance – The design chosen for the proposed upgrade of this existing telecommunications site is that of a Special Structure design, allowing the new 4G antennas of both Operators to be shrouded within the upper segment of the structure and facilitating the required level of new 4G coverage to be obtained in the area.
- Colour – The colour of the proposed new mast is white, similar to the existing mast. The colour of the new proposed equipment cabinet is Fir Green, which is the same as the cabinet which is to remain whilst the colour of the cabinet to be removed is grey, giving conformity to the site.

## **Access**

Access to the development is by definition limited to the operator and its authorised agents.

Access to the installation will be obtained via Architects House where access to the telecommunications site is most suitable. There will be no change to the access to the site from that already utilised for the existing installation.