

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;

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

Pre-application consultation was carried out with Camden Council (Local Planning Authority), Councillor Callaghan, Councillor Cotton, Councillor Petragnoli and the head teacher and chair of school governors of Hawley Infant School. To date no responses have been received.

Documentation Submitted with Application

- Plans and elevations
- Photomontages
- Coverage plots
- Supporting statement
- ICNIRP

Design Component

- Use proposed – The design allows for the operator to provide upgraded 3G coverage and to introduce 4G technology in the area. In addition with the advancement of technology and the increase of 4G speeds, this area in Camden will need to catch up with the surrounding areas, otherwise it will be at an economic disadvantage contrary to the spirit of NPPF.
- Amount – The amount of equipment proposed is the minimum to allow the site to work to the level required. It is proposed to install 6 antennas and 2 cabinets which will allow both Telefonica and Vodafone to share the site.
- Layout - The antennas will be facemounted onto the façade of the building. The cabinets will be located at the lower roof level at the rear of the building.
- Scale – The antennas will be located at 16.93 metres and will not protrude above the roof line and the cabinets are located on the lower roof level at the rear of the building. The antennas are considered to be at a size which are appropriate to the building and do not protrude above the roof level.
- Appearance – The antennas will be painted to match the existing brickwork. The cabinets will be located at the rear of the building and will not be visible from public vantage points. It is considered that the design is sensitive and that the appearance of the existing building will be preserved.

Access

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