

OUR REF: CTIL_150303

London Borough of Camden
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09/12/2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: PRE APPLICATION ENQUIRY FOR THE PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT THE ASSEMBLY HOUSE, 292-294 KENTISH TOWN ROAD, LONDON, NW5 2TG

This pre-application enquiry is submitted on behalf of Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL) which is a joint venture company owned by Telefónica UK Limited and Vodafone Limited and which oversees the two companies plan to jointly operate and manage a single network grid across the UK.

Telefónica UK Limited as entered into an agreement with Vodafone Ltd pursuant to which the two companies plan to jointly operate and manage a single network grid across the UK. These arrangements will be overseen by Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL) which is a joint venture company owned by Telefónica UK Limited and Vodafone Limited.

This agreement allows both organisations:

- to pool their basic network infrastructure, while running two, independent, nationwide networks
- maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development

Telefónica UK Ltd is in the process of progressing a suitable site in the Kentish Town area for a radio base station. We aim to work with you to progress a proposal that is both acceptable to your authority and meets Telefónica's and Vodafone's technical network requirements. This approach accords with Telefónica's and Vodafone's Best Practice Commitments to ensure consultation with Local Planning Authorities and other appropriate key stakeholders.

As part of Telefónica's and Vodafone's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a radio base station at this location to provide 2G and 3G coverage and new 4G coverage for the existing site is removed from the network.

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.

This letter therefore invites the Local Planning Authority, in accordance with planning policy guidance and Best Practice Commitments, to enter into pre-application discussions with regard to our preferred site option prior to

a formal planning submission. Several steps in the site identification process have already been undertaken. The Local Planning Authority mast register and our records of other potential sites have been reviewed, the policies in the Development Plan have been taken into account and we have examined the inter-operator site sharing database.

Our technical network requirement is as follows:

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To provide new and replacement coverage for existing site at Linton House. The site provider of this site has served a 'Notice To Quit' (NTQ) and accordingly the site will be decommissioned and removed from the network.

A number of options have been assessed in respect of the site search process and the preferred option is as follows:

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The proposal is for the proposed installation of 9 no antenna and associated equipment cabinets. The proposed location will allow for full replacement coverage (of an existing mast where a Notice To Quit has been served, thus enabling this site to fit into the existing network coverage pattern.

Alternative site options considered and rejected are as follows:

Site	Site Name and address	National Grid Reference	Reason for not choosing
RT	Highgate Studios 53 – 59 Highgate Road Kentish Town NW5 1TL	E:528717 N:185465	The site provider has not confirmed an interest in hosting telecommunications equipment on this site and as such the site has been discounted as it is not currently available.
ETS	Linton House 39 – 51 Highgate Road Kentish Town London NW5 1RT	E:528813 N:185463	Existing NTQ site to be removed from the network.
RT	Christ Apostolic Church Highgate Road London NW5 1JY	E:528293 N:185318	The site provider has not confirmed an interest in hosting telecommunications equipment on this site and as such the site has been discounted as it is not currently available.

RT	Forum Theatre 9 – 17 Highgate Road Kentish Town London NW5 1JY	E:528906 N:185349	The site provider has not confirmed an interest in hosting telecommunications equipment on this site and as such the site has been discounted as it is not currently available.
ETS	Kentish Town Fire Station Highgate Road London NW5 1NS	E:528938 N:185428	The site provider is in the process of trying to get the existing telecoms equipment from the site and is not willing to host a ground based mast.
ETS	10 Fortress Road Kentish Town London NW5 2ES	E:528992 N:185315	Building is not suitable for the installation of rooftop equipment.
RT	Martyn Gerreard Estate Agents Fortress Road London NW5 2TH	E:529003 N:185271	The site provider has not confirmed an interest in hosting telecommunications equipment on this site and as such the site has been discounted as it is not currently available.
RT	Kentish Town Library 262 – 266 Kentish Town Road Kentish Town NW5 2AA	E:529029 N:185096	The site would not provide the required coverage due to low roof height.

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to meet with you to discuss the proposals and undertake a tour of the options considered, should you consider this to be beneficial.

We look forward to receiving your comments on the preferred option identified above and alternatives discounted. We would also like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to meet with you to discuss the proposal and undertake a tour of the options considered, should you consider this to be beneficial.

All Telefonica and Vodafone 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.

We look forward to receiving your response within 14 days of the date of this letter.

Yours faithfully

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(for and on behalf of CTIL and Telefonica UK Ltd)