

WHP Wilkinson Helsby - Acquisition  
Design & Construction  
The Ponderosa  
Scotland Lane  
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Leeds  
LS18 5SF

Application Ref: **2017/5572/P**  
Please ask for: **Charles Thuaire**  
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15 November 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

## DECISION

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)  
**Prior Approval Required - Approval Given**

Address:  
**pavement north of railway cutting  
west of Gillies House  
Hilgrove Road  
London NW6 4TW**

Proposal:  
Installation of telecommunications equipment comprising a 15m high monopole with 2 antennas inside shroud and 2 dishes, plus 2 associated equipment cabinets on pavement. Drawing Nos: Covering letter dated 26.9.17 from WHP; email from Damian Hosker dated 7.11.17; site specific supplementary information for site ref no 63377; ICNIRP declaration 11.9.17; 63377 South Hampstead LPA coverage plots by EE; 63377-01, 02, 03, 04

The Council has considered your application for prior approval of siting and appearance in respect of the telecommunications equipment described above and hereby determines that prior approval is required and **gives approval**.

Condition(s) and Reason(s):

- 1 The mast and cabinets shall be painted black in a finish designed to prevent flyposting.

Reason: To safeguard the character of the immediate area in accordance with the



requirements of policy D1 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

Informative(s):

1 Reasons for granting prior approval-

The scheme is assessed only for its acceptability in siting and appearance. The proposed mast is being shared by the Emergency Services Network (for the Home Office) and 2 other mobile phone operators (EE and H3G) and is intended to provide reception to these services and users within the adjoining railway cutting and tunnels to the south. The chosen site is the only one that will provide this specific coverage adequately; although other buildings to the west and east have been considered for rooftop installations, they do not provide the required direct line of sight into these railway line tunnels. It is therefore considered that there is sufficient justification for a mast in this location. The sharing of telecom equipment on one mast to reduce clutter is welcomed here and accords with national guidance.

This mast is designed as a large 15m high monopole with a bulge on the upper part and with 2 dishes attached below this. It is acknowledged that the mast will be very prominent in this open locality amongst other lampposts which are much slimmer and shorter at 8m high and in this site adjoining a 3 storey block of flats which is about 12m high. Although the pole will be prominently visible in this open setting, the area is characterised by sunken railway cuttings, an open space and various postwar blocks of flats of different heights and little architectural merit, and it is considered that overall the townscape has a neutral bland character. It is thus considered that on balance this mast will not have a seriously harmful impact on the character of the overall streetscene and on the setting of the adjoining buildings. The mast will be also partially masked in some long views by the surrounding mature trees. It is also considered that any harm caused by increased visual clutter would be outweighed by the benefits provided to the Emergency Services network.

The 2 equipment cabinets are set alongside a boundary wall and are typical small utilitarian structures on the pavement that will have no impact on the streetscene. The mast and the cabinets should be painted black to match other street furniture here.

There will be no harmful impact on any surrounding amenities and in particular there should be no loss of outlook to neighbouring residents to the east or north. The equipment will maintain a clear 2m width of pavement so will not create any obstruction to pedestrians on the public highway.

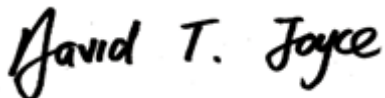
No objections have been received prior to making this decision. The planning history of the site has been taken into account when coming to this decision.

As such, the proposed development is in general accordance with policies A1 and D1 of the Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposed development also accords with the London Plan 2016 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.

- 2 You are reminded of the need to ensure that the apparatus shall be removed as soon as reasonably practicable when no longer required, in accordance with condition A.2(2) of Part 24 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order (as amended).
- 3 You are advised that the telecommunications equipment cabinet hereby approved should be maintained in good condition for as long as it remains in place. The cabinet should be kept free of posters and graffiti and repainted if the cabinet becomes damaged or worn.
- 4 Noise from demolition and construction works is subject to control under the Control of Pollution Act 1974. You must carry out any building works that can be heard at the boundary of the site only between 08.00 and 18.00 hours Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturday and not at all on Sundays and Public Holidays. You are advised to consult the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team, Camden Town Hall, Judd St, Kings Cross, London NW1 2QS (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444 or search for 'environmental health' on the Camden website or seek prior approval under Section 61 of the Act if you anticipate any difficulty in carrying out construction other than within the hours stated above.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David T. Joyce". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

David Joyce  
Director of Regeneration and Planning