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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

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

Address:
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Proposal:

Upgrade of existing telecommunications equipment at roof level to facilitate 5G coverage, including Installation of RRUs, BOBs & routers mounted on new poles, installation of 4 x new antennas (2 mounted on tripod (north) and 2 wall mounted); equipment cabinets; installation of 4 x new antennas on new wall mounted support poles (east); installation of 2 satellite dishes; 4x apertures to be mounted on existing redundant OUK grillage following the removal of the existing RRHs/MHAs Routers mounted on new support pole on roof pods.

Drawing Nos: 002; 004; 100; 150; 215; 265 and Cover letter and statements commissioned by WHP Telecoms dated 04.09.2019 (9810).

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**.

Informative(s):

1 Reason for granting approval:

This application was submitted under Schedule 2, Part 16 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended) (GPDO). The scheme is assessed only for its acceptability in siting and appearance. It is considered that Prior Approval would be required and that it would be granted for the following reasons:

The proposal includes the upgrading of existing large equipment cabin upgraded internally to install 11 x equipment cabinets within; installation of 4 x apertures to be mounted on wall mounted poles to the north elevation; installation of 2 satellite dishes; installation of 4 x new Antennas mounted on tripod to the west and another 4 x antennas to the east elevation that would be mounted on existing redundant OUK grillage following the removal of the existing BOBs/RRHs/MHAs Routers mounted on new support pole on roof pods.

The presence of existing telecommunications equipment at roof top level at the application site has been granted approval on several previous occasions, and as such, the principle of siting equipment here has already been established.

The proposed antennas/pods would mainly maintain their existing heights and would be relocated on the roof in similar positions. Whilst, maintaining an appropriate setback from the edges of the building. The proposals would upgrade existing equipment and would introduce new additional masts with equipment cabinets. Overall, it is therefore considered that there would not be substantial change to the appearance of the base station, and currently this has limited visually prominence from the surrounding area due to its location. It is therefore considered that the proposal would preserve the character and appearance of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

The use of the equipment and base station would continue to be shared between multiple operators (EE Ltd and 3G UK) in line with guidance as set out within the National Planning policy Framework (NPPF). The proposed equipment is certified as being compliant with the requirements of the radio frequency public exposure guidelines of the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP).

Due to the nature and location of the proposed equipment, as well as, the fact that the proposals mainly involve the upgrade of existing apparatus, it is not likely that any significant harm would be caused to the living conditions of neighbouring residential occupiers by way of a loss of light or outlook.

The site's planning and appeals history has been taken into account when coming to this decision. No objections have been received following statutory consultation.

Special attention has been paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area, under s.72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Area) Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act (ERR) 2013.

As such, the proposed development is in general accordance with policies A1, D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017, the London Plan 2016, and the National Planning Policy Framework 2019.

- 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 All works should be conducted in accordance with the Camden Minimum Requirements - a copy is available on the Council's website at <https://beta.camden.gov.uk/documents/20142/1269042/Camden+Minimum+Requirements+%281%29.pdf/bb2cd0a2-88b1-aa6d-61f9-525ca0f71319> or contact the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team, 5 Pancras Square c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444)

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 must secure the approval of the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team prior to undertaking such activities outside these hours.

- 4 This approval does not authorise the use of the public highway. Any requirement to use the public highway, such as for hoardings, temporary road closures and suspension of parking bays, will be subject to approval of relevant licence from the Council's Streetworks Authorisations & Compliance Team London Borough of Camden 5 Pancras Square c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE (Tel. No 020 7974 4444) . Licences and authorisations need to be sought in advance of proposed works. Where development is subject to a Construction Management Plan (through a requirement in a S106 agreement), no licence or authorisation will be granted until the Construction Management Plan is approved by the Council.
- 5 Your proposals may be subject to control under the Building Regulations and/or the London Buildings Acts that cover aspects including fire and emergency escape, access and facilities for people with disabilities and sound insulation between dwellings. You are advised to consult the Council's Building Control Service, Camden Town Hall, Judd St, Kings Cross, London NW1 2QS (tel: 020-7974 6941).

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2019.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DPope', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer