



**Our ref: CTIL141480\_VF80451\_TEF9091**

The Chief Planning Officer  
Planning - Development Control  
London Borough of Camden  
Camden Town Hall  
London  
WC1H 8ND

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Dear Sir or Madam

**PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION UPGRADE AT CTIL141480\_VF80451\_TEF9091 – ABC SELF STORAGE, 145-147 YORK WAY, CAMDEN, LONDON, N7 9LG**

Vodafone Limited has entered into an agreement with Telefónica UK Limited 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 (Cornerstone) which is a joint venture company owned by Vodafone Limited and Telefónica UK 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

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

As part of Vodafone's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a radio base station at this location to provide enhanced 3G and 4G and 5G coverage in the area. Telefónica also has a requirement to upgrade their existing site to enable them to provide new 5G coverage to the area.

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

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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:**

- **CTIL141480\_VF80451\_TEF9091 – ABC SELF STORAGE**
- There is a requirement for Telefónica to upgrade their installation in order to enhance existing 3G & 4G coverage and to provide 5G coverage to the area.
- There is a requirement for Vodafone to provide enhanced 3G & 4G coverage and to provide 5G coverage to the area.

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

- **CTIL141480\_VF80451\_TEF9091 – ABC SELF STORAGE (NGR: 529923, 184870)**
- **Installation of 5No. new Vodafone antennas, 1No. 0.3m dish and 1No. 0.6m dish on three new tripod support poles.**
- **Vodafone ancillary equipment is proposed to be mounted to inside of parapet wall at new antenna locations;**
- **Removal of 6No. existing Telefónica antennas;**
- **Installation of 6No. new Telefónica replacement antennas on 3No. new stand-off brackets, 1No. 0.3m and 1No. 0.6m Telefónica dishes to be installed below antennas;**
- **Telefónica ancillary equipment is proposed to be mounted on rails on new poles mounted to inside of parapet wall at antenna locations;**

**Alternative site options considered and rejected are as follows:**

- ***This is an existing site and therefore no alternatives have been considered***

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 Vodafone and Telefónica 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.

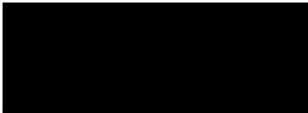
We would be grateful if you could advise us of any pending telecommunications applications or recent planning decisions in this particular area so these can be evaluated.

Finally, we would be interested in any local stakeholders or groups that you consider would like to know more about our proposals.

We enclose a copy of our Consultation Plan and welcome your suggestions.

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 Cornerstone and Vodafone Ltd and Telefónica UK Ltd)