

Our ref: 212171 HAMPSTEAD TE

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

The Chief Planning Officer, Camden Council 5 Pancras Square London N1C 4AG

Dear Sir or Madam.

## Telefónica UK Ltd

## **Permitted Development - Prior Approval Application**

Installation of 3 no. antennas and supporting steelwork, 1 no. equipment cabinet and associated apparatus and ancillary works

Telecommunications Site 166642, Hampstead TE, Finchley Road, Camden, **London NW3 6EX** 

On behalf of Telefónica UK Ltd, in conjunction with Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL), we submit herewith an application for a prior approval determination for the installation of a mobile base station at the above site.

The application is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Part 16 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as amended, and seeks a determination as to whether the Authority's approval will be required for the siting and appearance of the development.

The application comprises:

The written description of the development:

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- An O.S. Site Location Plan scale (1:2500) showing the location where the ii. apparatus will be installed
- iii. The Developer's Notice served on the landowner
- iv. The Developer's contact details
- ٧. Completed CIL Questions Form

The following information is also provided to assist with your determination of the application:

- vi. The Authority's Form for telecommunications development prior approval applications
- vii. Drawing reference numbers 100, 101 and 150 providing further details of the siting, layout and design of the development
- viii. A supporting Planning Statement that includes a summary of the siting, layout and design of the development
- ix. National Policy Delivering Ultra Fast Broadband Mobile Connectivity

Payment of the appropriate application fee has been made via the Planning Portal.

A certificate of ICNIRP compliance is being prepared and will be forwarded once completed.

## **Developer's Contact Details**

All correspondence and queries relating the determination of this application should be submitted to the undersigned.

However, in accordance with the requirements of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as amended, any correspondence to the developer should be sent to:

Telefónica UK Ltd, c/o CTIL Limited, Building 1330, Arlington Business Park, Theale RG7 4SA.

Email: emf.enguiries@ctil.co.uk

This letter and the enclosures also provide due notification, as may be required, under the relevant conditions of the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003, as amended. In particular, you are given notice of the intention to install the electronic communications apparatus described in more detail in the application documentation (including the scale drawings) and to be located as shown on the application plans.

## The Scope of the Prior Approval Determination

The permitted development rights granted by Part 16 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as amended (the GPDO), exist to facilitate the establishment of modern communications apparatus and infrastructure, judged by successive governments to be important to a modern economy and in attaining sustainability objectives.

The permitted development granted subject to the prior approval procedure is similar to the grant of outline planning permission, with details of precise siting and appearance being reserved. This is explained at paragraph 8.4 of the Code of Best Practice on Mobile Network Development in England, November 2016. The National Planning Policy Framework is also accordingly clear that permitted development rights should not generally be withdrawn.

As a consequence, the scope of determination does not extend to whether the site selected is needed, as the development is acceptable in principle due to the rights conveyed by the

GPDO. Likewise, whilst information on alternative sites may be supplied by way of background and context, the extent of control on siting is limited to the precise siting on a site and not the general location.

As the principle of development at the application site is permitted by the GPDO, the submitted Planning Statement focuses on the statutory criteria of detailed siting and appearance. In so doing, this is considered against current town and country planning guidance, including the development plan, being material considerations, and with reference to the operational requirements of the operator.

Appendix E of the Code of Best Practice clearly requires the provision of full supporting information and we trust all the supporting material submitted in fulfilment of this is of assistance. However, if you do require any clarification or further information, please let us know immediately.

Whilst as a matter of best practice extensive supporting material is submitted, the lawful scope of determination remains confined to the detailed siting and appearance of the apparatus proposed.

The permitted development rights exist to facilitate the establishment of modern communications, judged by successive governments to be important to a modern economy and in attaining sustainability objectives.

We would be willing to meet with you or assist with any visits to the site and the surrounding area, if this is beneficial to the determination of the application.

Finally, your attention is drawn to the statutory 56 days period for the determination of this application of this nature upon which detailed advice is given at paragraph 8.2 onwards of the Code of Best Practice on Mobile Network Development in England.

We trust everything is in order, but please contact me if you require any further information or clarification.

Yours faithfully,

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