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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Full Planning Permission Granted

Address:
Scala House
21 Tottenham Street
London
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Proposal:
Installation of telecommunications equipment on rooftop comprising 6 x antennas on poles, 1 x 300mm dish, 3 x cabinets and ancillary works.

Drawing Nos: 100 rev A, 200 rev A, 201 rev A, 300 rev A, 301 rev A, 302 rev A, 303 rev A, 304 rev A, 305 rev A, 306 rev A, 307 rev A; ICNIRP Conformity Declaration and Certificate dated 12/10/2020; Site Specific Supplementary Information from Waldon Telecom Ltd dated 12/10/2020; Cover letters and Article 13 Notice from Waldon Telecom Ltd (ref. MP/CTIL_303769/00) dated 12/10/2020; General Background Information (England) V.1 20190311 from Cornerstone; Health and Mobile Phone Base Stations Document V.2 from Cornerstone; Radio Planning and Propagation V4 November 2018 from Cornerstone.

The Council has considered your application and decided to grant permission subject to the following condition(s):

Condition(s) and Reason(s):

- 1 The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the end of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 100 rev A, 200 rev A, 201 rev A, 300 rev A, 301 rev A, 302 rev A, 303 rev A, 304 rev A, 305 rev A, 306 rev A, 307 rev A; ICNIRP Conformity Declaration and Certificate dated 12/10/2020; Site Specific Supplementary Information from Waldon Telecom Ltd dated 12/10/2020; Cover letters and Article 13 Notice from Waldon Telecom Ltd (ref. MP/CTIL_303769/00) dated 12/10/2020; General Background Information (England) V.1 20190311 from Cornerstone; Health and Mobile Phone Base Stations Document V.2 from Cornerstone; Radio Planning and Propagation V4 November 2018 from Cornerstone.

Reason:

For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

- 3 The colour of the proposed antennas and equipment hereby approved shall match as closely as possible the background, or the part of the building to which it is attached. All supporting mounts, poles or structures shall be designed to be as unobtrusive as possible, and should be painted the same colour as the antennas.

Reason: In order to minimize the impact on the appearance of the building and local environment in accordance with the requirements of Policies D1 and D2 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

- 4 The apparatus hereby approved shall be removed from the building as soon as reasonably practicable when no longer required.

Reason: In order to minimize the impact on the appearance of the building and local environment in accordance with the requirements of Policies D1 and D2 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

Informative(s):

- 1 Reasons for granting planning permission:

The host building consists of a variety of roof heights which are mainly flat in nature and accommodate a small number of vents and a satellite dish. The rooftop is absent of any telecommunications equipment. The lower or main roof height is 33m above ground level and the central, upper part of the roof measures 37.4m in height above ground level. 6 x antennas would be mounted on steel support poles located in 3 positions on the lower or main roof and sited closely around the central, upper roof block.

Although it is recognised that the antennas would be visible to some degree from selected local views by virtue of their heights, the positions of the antennas and particular site context would ensure that any visual impact from the proposal is minimised significantly. In particular, the set-back positions of all antennas from the roof edges and centred locations fixed to the existing central

roof block (4.4m high), would mean that most of the antennas' height would be screened or blend in closely with this backdrop with the effect of reducing the antennas visual prominence. The uppermost part of the highest positioned antennas would rise above the upper roof level of the central block by 2.1m; however, in the context outlined above, along with the tall building height of the 10-storey host building, broad cantilevered roof parapet that wraps around the top of the building and the mainly narrow surrounding streets below, the antennas would not appear significantly prominent from most street level views or be notably conspicuous in the skyline from longer views. All proposed equipment would be coloured grey to further reduce any visual prominence.

Other proposed ancillary works involving the installation of 1 x 300mm dish, 3 x cabinets, RRHs (remote radio heads), cable trays and raised steel grillage would mainly be screened from view due to their modest size, low height and siting, and as such, would not cause any significant harm in visibility terms.

In accordance with guidance as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the applicant's submitted supplementary information confirmed that the nearest schools/colleges were notified about the proposals and a pre-consultation exercise was carried out. The site was not identified as being located within 3km of an aerodrome or airfield. Evidence was provided to confirm that no opportunity to utilise an existing telecommunications site was deemed possible and no alternative new sites were identified as being suitable. 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). As such, the equipment is not anticipated to have any direct impact on public health.

Overall therefore, given the nature and scale of the proposal, and having taken into account the public benefits arising in terms of greater bandwidth and capacity, improved connectivity and network enhancement, it is considered that the proposal is appropriate in terms of its design, scale, form, bulk and location. As such, the proposal would have a minimal impact on the overall appearance of the host building and would preserve the character and appearance of the Charlotte Street Conservation and Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Areas in which it is situated.

Due to the location of the proposed equipment, no harm would be caused to the amenity or living conditions of any neighbouring residential occupiers by way of a loss of light or outlook, or through any adverse noise impacts.

An objection has been received from the building owner following statutory consultation. This, along with the site's planning and appeals history, has been taken into account when coming to this decision.

Special attention has been paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the Charlotte Street 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 Publication London Plan 2020,

and the National Planning Policy Framework 2019.

- 2 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).
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

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.

You can find advice about your rights of appeal at:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/guidance/guidancecontent>

Yours faithfully



Daniel Pope

Chief Planning Officer