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James Pocock The Planning Inspectorate Room 3/B Temple Quay House 2 The Square Bristol BS1 6PN

Dear Mr. Pocock,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal by HUTCHISON UK LTD C/O: Agent Site Address: Camden Road, Kentish Town, London, NW1 9AE

I write in connection with the above appeal against the refusal of prior approval (Ref: **2021/1594/P**) for the *Erection of 15m high electronic communications monopole with wraparound cabinet at base and 3 x equipment cabinets on the public footpath.*

Thank you for allowing the Council to respond to the confirmation by the appellant of the black colour for the proposed equipment. The following points may be helpful to the Inspector in his consideration of the appeal.

The confirmation by the appellant that the proposed monopole and cabinets would be painted Black (RAL9005) in colour wouldn't overcome the Council's concerns as expressed by the 3 reasons for refusal attached to the decision notice for the following reasons:

• Firstly, the proposed monopole and its associated cabinets, would still be overly dominant in the streetscene and create visual clutter in spite of the black colour, by reason of their design, size, height, number and location. As such, the proposal would detract from the character and appearance of the streetscene and nearby conservation areas, particularly the Camden Square Conservation Area located directly opposite, and cause harm to the openness and character of the public open space in Cantelowes Gardens.

- Secondly, the confirmed black colour would also not overcome the introduction of physical street clutter and reduction in the amount of useable footway, which would cause harm to highway safety and hindering pedestrian movement.
- And finally, the confirmed black colour would not address the absence of an arboricultural impact assessment. As such, the proposed development would remain likely to result in harm to the nearby trees located in the adjacent Cantelowes Gardens.

In addition to the information provided in the Officer's Delegated Report and sent with the questionnaire, I would be grateful if the Inspector would also take into account the above comments before deciding the appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Young

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