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DEVELOPMENT BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CODE SYSTEM OPERATORS.
DETERMINATION BY READING LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY THAT THE PRIOR
APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORITY **IS NOT GIVEN** FOR THE SITING AND APPEARANCE OF
DEVELOPMENT SOUGHT BY PART 16 OF SCHEDULE 2 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY
PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 (AS
AMENDED).

Dear Mr. Gallivan,

Application Reference: 230425

Application type: Telecommunications Notification - Prior Approval

Address: Land to the East of 173 The Meadway Tilehurst Reading RG30 4AP

Proposal: Proposed 5G telecoms installation: H3G 15m street pole and additional equipment cabinets.

I refer to your letter received by Reading Borough Council on **1 April 2023** in respect of the proposed 5G telecoms installation: H3G 15m street pole and three additional equipment cabinets by telecommunications code system operators at: Land to the East of 173 The Meadway Tilehurst Reading RG30 4AP as shown on the following submitted drawings and documents:

- RDG20574_RDG211_89986_RG6856_GA_REV_B_Issue B – 002 Site Location Plan dated 28 March 2023, received 1 April 2023
- RDG20574_RDG211_89986_RG6856_GA_REV_B_Issue B – 215 Proposed Site Plan dated 28 March 2023, received 1 April 2023
- RDG20574_RDG211_89986_RG6856_GA_REV_B_Issue B – 265 Proposed Site Elevation dated 28 March 2023, received 1 April 2023
- RDG20574_RDG211_89986_RG6856_GA_REV_B_Issue B – 001 Drawing Register dated 28 March 2023, received 1 April 2023
- Government statement dated 7 March 2019, received 1 April 2023

- The Declaration of ICNIRP Compliance dated 28 March 2023, received 1 April 2023
- Developer's Notice to Planning services and Highways Services ref: RDG20574 - THE MEADWAY, dated 1 April 2023, received 1 April 2023
- 5G Site Specific Supplementary Information and Planning Justification ref: RDG20574 dated 1 April 2023, received 1 April 2023.
- 5G Health and Network Briefing received 1 April 2023
- Tree Protection Method Statement & Specification Ref: SA/2111/23, dated 9 March 2023, received 1 April 2023
- Tree Protection Plan Ref: TM/TPP/2111-02 dated 9 March 2023, received 1 April 2023
- Tree Survey Plan Ref: TM/TSP/2111-01 dated 9 March 2023, received 1 April 2023
- Application Form dated 1 April 2023, received 1 April 2023

I am writing to advise that Reading Borough Council as local planning authority hereby **REFUSE** approval for the siting and appearance of the development proposed in the above-mentioned application in accordance with the submitted drawings and documents.

Reasons for Refusal:

1. The proposed H3G 15m high street pole and its associated cabinets, by reason of its design, height, bulk and siting at a prominent location, would detract from the visual amenity and appearance of the immediate and wider surrounding area, including the green open space within which it is located, contrary to Policies CC7, EN8 and OU3 of the Reading Borough Local Plan (2019).
2. The proposed telecommunications mast and its associated cabinets by reason of its scale, design and siting on an undesignated open space, would disrupt and result in visual harm to the area of open space, erode its quality and would adversely impact on public enjoyment of the public open space, contrary to Policies EN8 and CC7 of the Reading Borough Local Plan (2019).
3. The proposal, in the absence of sufficient detail on potential alternative sites for the development, has failed to demonstrate that no preferable alternative sites are potentially available which would result in a development that would be less visually intrusive, contrary to Policies CC7 and OU3 of the Reading Borough Local Plan (2019) and the NPPF (2021).

Yours sincerely

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