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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 Bruna Kwala,

Application Reference: 221279

Application type: Telecommunications Notification - Prior Approval

Address: Grass Verge Outside 94 Chiltern Road Caversham Reading RG4 5JD

Proposal: Application for prior notification of proposed telecommunications base station installation

I refer to your letter received by Reading Borough Council on **30 August 2022** in respect of the Proposed 5G telecoms installation - 18 metre high monopole supporting 6 no. antennas with a wraparound equipment cabinet at the base of the column, 3 no. new equipment cabinets and ancillary development at: Grass Verge Outside 94 Chiltern Road Caversham Reading RG4 5JD as shown on the following submitted drawings and documents:

- Drawing No: 1185859_RDG079_10900_RG4655_M002_REV B - 002 Site Location Plan
- Location Map - Eastern Grass Verge Outside 94 Chiltern Road, Reading RG4 5JD (N.G.R E: 472,210 N: 175,695)
- Typical design and size of proposed streetworks monopole
- Pre-consultation letter to The Chief Planning Officer dated 15th July 2022
- Cllr Pre-consultation letters dated 15th July 2022
- Letter dated 23rd August - Clarification of The Declaration of ICNIRP Compliance Issued
- Developer's Notice to Chief Planning Officer dated 23rd August 2022
- Developer's Notice to Highways Department dated 23rd August 2022

- Allaying health concerns regarding 5G and exposure to radio waves - an IET guide for policy makers- and local planning authorities (2nd edition)
- A Councillor's Guide to Digital Connectivity by Local Government Association
- Site Specific Supplementary Information reference RDG079

Received by the Local Planning Authority on 31st August 2022

Drawing No: 1185859_RDG079_10900_RG4655_M002_REV B - 100 Existing Site Plan

Drawing No: 1185859_RDG079_10900_RG4655_M002_REV B - 150 Existing Elevation A

Drawing No: 1185859_RDG079_10900_RG4655_M002_REV B - 200 Existing Site Plan

Drawing No: 1185859_RDG079_10900_RG4655_M002_REV B - 250 Proposed Shared Elevation A

Drawing No: 1185859_RDG079_10900_RG4655_M002_REV B - 251 Proposed Elevation (Planning)

Received by the Local Planning Authority on 8th September 2022

Drawing No: 1185859_RDG079_10900_RG4655_M002_REV B- 452 Visibility Splays

Received by the Local Planning Authority on 30th September 2022

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 18 meter high monopole and its associated cabinets, by reason of its design, height and bulk, would detract from the visual amenity, character and appearance of the surrounding area, contrary to Policies CC7 and OU3 of the Reading Borough Local Plan (2019).
2. The proposed 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 Policy OU3 of the Reading Borough Local Plan (2019) and the NPPF (2019).

Informatives:

The Local Planning Authority has worked positively and proactively with the applicant to see if relevant concerns could be resolved to allow permission to be granted. However, that has not been possible within the prescribed target and therefore the decision to **REFUSE** planning permission has been taken.

Should you identify an alternative site or wish to discuss the possibilities of sharing facilities or any other related matter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Beatrice Malama

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Beatrice Malama
Planning Officer