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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. Hewitt

Applicant: CK Hutchison Networks (UK) Ltd

Application Reference: 221826

Application type: Telecommunications Notification - Prior Approval

Address: Site Opposite 118 Tilehurst Road Reading

Proposal: Application for prior notification of proposed 20m high wraparound telecommunications street pole, 3 additional cabinets and associated works - by telecommunications code systems operators (amended description)

I refer to your letter received by **Reading Borough Council** on **6 December 2022** in respect of the proposed installation of a 20m high wraparound telecommunications street pole, 3 additional cabinets and associated works at: Site Opposite 118 Tilehurst Road Reading as shown on the following submitted drawings and documents:

- RDG24530_B35_GA_A_Issue A - 002 Site Location Plan dated 7 November 2022, received 6 December 2022
- RDG24530_B35_GA_A_Issue A - 210 Proposed Site Plan 7 November 2022, received 6 December 2022
- RDG24530_B35_GA_A_Issue A - 260 Proposed Elevation 7 November 2022, received 6 December 2022
- RDG24530_B35_GA_A_Issue A - 100 Existing Site Plan 7 November 2022, received 6 December 2022

- RDG24530_B35_GA_A_Issue A - 100 Existing Site Elevation 7 November 2022, received 6 December 2022
- Government statement dated 7 March 2019, received 6 December 2022
- Developer's Notice to The Chief Highways Engineer ref: RDG24530, dated 26 November 2022, received 6 December 2022
- Developer's Notice to The Chief Planning Officer ref: RDG24530, dated 30 November 2022, received 6 December 2022
- Clarification Of The Declaration Of ICNIRP Compliance notice to the Chief Planning Officer dated 11 October 2022, received 6 December 2022
- 5G Site Specific Supplementary Information and Planning Justification ref: RDG24530 dated 30 November 2022, received 19 December 2022
- Application Form dated 30 November 2022, received 6 December 2022
- Discounted Sites Plotted received 19 December 2022
- Flood Map for Planning Ref. RDG24530 Tilehurst Road dated 23 November 2022, received 6 December 2022

Other documents submitted

- GSMA - 5G EMF Briefing - Exposure and Safety received 6 December 2022
- A Councilor's Guide to Digital Connectivity received 6 December 2022
- HM Government Ofcom - 5G Mobile Technology: a guide received 6 December 2022
- Allaying health concerns regarding 5G and exposure to radio waves - An IET guide for policy makers and local planning authorities 2nd edition, received 6 December 2022
- Matt Warman MP Letter to LPA Chiefs dated 24 May 2021, received 6 December 2022
- Matt Warman MP letter to LPA Chiefs on 5G broadband dated November 2019, received 6 December 2022
- MobileUK 5G Health Fact Sheet V1, received 6 December 2022
- MobileUK 5G Local Authority Toolkit, received 6 December 2022
- RDG24530 Battle Primary Academy CoG pre-app letter, received 6 December 2022
- RDG24530 Battle Primary Academy HT pre-app letter, received 6 December 2022
- RDG24530 Cllr Griffith pre-app letter, received 6 December 2022
- RDG24530 Cllr Griffith pre-app letter, received 6 December 2022
- RDG24530 Cllr Hacker pre-app letter, received 6 December 2022
- RDG24530 Consultation Plan, received 6 December 2022
- RDG24530 LPA pre-app letter, received 6 December 2022
- RDG24530 St Edwards CoG pre-app letter, received 6 December 2022
- RDG24530 St Edwards HT pre-app letter, received 6 December 2022
- RDG24530 Western Elms Day Nursery pre-app letter, received 6 December 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 20m high wraparound monopole and the associated cabinet equipment, by reason of their design, height, bulk and prominent siting, would appear as visually dominant, obtrusive and alien features in the streetscene, with consequent harm to the visual amenity, character and appearance of the surrounding area, contrary to Policies CC7 and OU3 of the Reading Borough Local Plan (Adopted November 2019) and the NPPF (2021).
2. Without sufficient detail and compelling evidence to justify the choice of site, 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 (2021).

Yours sincerely

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