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To: Beatrice Malama, Planning

From: Sarah Hanson, Natural Environment Officer, Planning

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Date: 4 January 2022

Re: Consultation on an Application

Application Number: 221915

Application Type: Telecommunications Notification - Prior Approval

Address: Land at The Meadway opposite Dee Road Reading

Proposal: Application for Prior Notification of proposed 5G telecoms installation: H3G 20m street pole and additional equipment cabinets by telecommunications code system operators (amended description).

The proposed pole and 3 cabinets are proposed on the Council owned green space opposite the junction with Dee Road. This space contains multiple trees, is within the AQMA and is a designated 'treed corridor' within our Tree Strategy. As such, it is important to ensure that any proposal demonstrates no immediate harm to adjacent trees and no requirement to prune in the future to maintain the signal.

As is normal for these applications, little tree information has been provided – just tree locations indicatively shown on the Proposed plan with heights indicated. No additional tree information such as Root Protection Areas or any Arboricultural Impact Assessment to demonstrate the acceptability of the scheme with any special methods of working within RPAS and tree protection during installation. This basic information is consistently missing from telecoms applications, and it is not acceptable. In this case, the directly adjacent tree is a Birch – sensitive to root disturbance.



