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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 Marshall,

Application Reference: 221569

Application type: Telecommunications Notification - Prior Approval

Address: Pavement to North East of Prince of Wales Ph 111 School Road Tilehurst Reading RG31 5BG

Proposal: Proposed 15.0m Phase 8 telecommunications Monopole C/W wrapround Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works.

I refer to your letter received by Reading Borough Council on **20 October 2022** in respect of the Proposed installation of a 15.0 meter Phase 8 telecommunications Monopole C/W wrapround Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works at: Pavement to North East of Prince Of Wales Ph 111 School Road Tilehurst Reading RG31 5BG as shown on the following submitted drawings and documents:

- Drawing No: RDG23813_M001_Issue A - 002 Site Location Plan, received 20 October 2022
- Drawing No: RDG23813_M001_Issue A - 100 Existing Site Plan, received 20 October 2022
- Drawing No: RDG23813_M001_Issue A - 150 Existing Elevation A, received 20 October 2022
- Drawing No: RDG23813_M001_Issue A - 260 Proposed Elevation, received 20 October 2022

- Drawing No: RDG23813_M001_Issue A - 210 Proposed Site Plan, received 20 October 2022
- Drawing No: RDG23813_M001_Issue A - 211 Vis Splay Plan, received 20 October 2022
- The Declaration of ICNIRP Compliance dated 12/10/2022, received 20 October 2022
- Developer's Notice to Highways Department RDG23544 dated 16/10/2022, received 20 October 2022
- Developer's Public Notice dated 16/10/2022, received 20 October 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 15m high monopole and associated equipment, by reason of its excessive height, overall bulk and prominent siting, would detract from the visual amenity and appearance of the surrounding area and have a resultant detrimental impact on the environment of the district centre, contrary to Policies CC7, OU3, RL1 and RL3 of the Reading Borough Local Plan (2019).
2. In the absence of sufficient detail on potential alternative sites for the development, it could not be assessed as to whether this proposed location would be the most suitable in terms of siting, 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** prior approval 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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Planning Officer

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