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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 Ms. Gibson,

Application Reference: 220985

Application type: Telecommunications Notification - Prior Approval

Address: Street Outside 82 Cromwell Road Caversham Reading RG4 5EB

Proposal: Application for prior notification of proposed development by telecommunications code systems operators - Proposed 5G telecoms installation. 18m street pole and 3 additional ancillary equipment cabinets and associated ancillary works.

I refer to your letter received by Reading Borough Council on **5 July 2022** in respect of the Proposed 5G telecoms installation - 18m street pole and 3 additional ancillary equipment cabinets and associated ancillary work at: Street Outside 82 Cromwell Road Caversham Reading RG4 5EB as shown on the following submitted drawings and documents:

Drawing No: RDG21119_RDG186_85944_RG6882_GA_REV_A - 002 Site Location Plan

Drawing No: RDG21119_RDG186_85944_RG6882_GA_REV_A - 265 Proposed Site Elevation

Drawing No: RDG21119_RDG186_85944_RG6882_GA_REV_A - 215 Proposed Site Plan

RDG21119_RDG186_85944_RG6882_GA_REV_A- 001 Drawing Register

5G Health and Network Briefing Note

Government Statement dated 7th March 2019

Letter to the Head of Planning, Highways and Property Services dated 5th July 2022

Declaration of Conformity with ICNIRP dated 21 June 2022
Site Specific Supplementary Information dated 5 July 2022
Received by the Local Planning Authority on 5 July 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 18m high 5G monopole 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 surrounding area, contrary to Policies CC7 and OU3 of the Reading Borough Local Plan (2019).
2. The proposed development, 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 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

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