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Our ref: CTIL_150625_VF_88730

Matt Rodda MP
House of Commons
London
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By Email: matt.rodde.mp@parliament.uk

27 July 2020

Dear Matt Rodda MP,

**PROPOSED VODAFONE BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT CTIL_150625_VF_88730
NOVOTEL HOTEL, 25A FRIAR STREET, READING, BERKSHIRE, RG1 1DP E:471462 N:173612**

Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (Cornerstone) is a joint venture company owned by Telefónica UK Limited commonly known as O2, and Vodafone Limited, who manage a single grid network across the UK for these companies. This agreement allows both organisations to pool their basic network infrastructure, while running two, independent, nationwide networks. It maximises opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations and where possible can significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development.

Cornerstone and Vodafone are in the process of progressing a suitable replacement site in the Abbey area for a radio base station. We aim to work with you to progress a proposal that is both acceptable to your authority and meets Vodafone's technical network requirements. This approach accords with Vodafone's Best Practice Commitments to ensure consultation with Local Planning Authorities and other appropriate key stakeholders.

As part of Vodafone's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a replacement installation at this location to provide equivalent and improved 2G, 3G and 4G and new 5G coverage and capacity, ensuring that this area of Reading maintains access to the latest technologies.

This letter is sent to you in the pre-planning application consultation phase of the development for a mobile phone base station site and is simply intended to keep you informed and advised of the proposed development in your area prior to any planning application being submitted. However, if you do wish to submit comments or have been contacted by your constituents in relation to this matter and wish to send us comments on their behalf, please feel free to do so via the following address:

Community Consultation & EMF Enquiries, Hive 2, 1530 Arlington Business Park, Theale, Berkshire, RG7 4SA

Email: community@ctil.co.uk

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What follows is a summary of the proposal and some further information that might be of use.

Summary of the proposal:

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The site is needed to maintain and improve 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G coverage and capacity for Vodafone to ensure that its customers continue to experience access to the latest service provision currently available. This is because the operator needs to find a replacement for its existing site.

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The proposed works comprise the installation of 6 no. antenna, 2 no. transmission dishes and ancillary development thereto.

The operator has chosen this building as it is close to the original building that provided high quality, advanced communications technology but is no longer available to be used. In order to provide equivalent replacement coverage, the replacement site needs to be as close as possible to the former site, so it can fill the specific hole in coverage in the operator's network.

The other site options that were considered and then discounted are as follows:

Site Name, Address, NGR, Site Type	Reason for not Choosing
Station Hill Development Zone Garrard Street RG1 NGR: 471379/173675 (Rooftop)	The site is part of the wider comprehensive redevelopment of the area.
4 Greyfriars RG1 1NP NGR: 471273/173594 (Rooftop)	The site is too close to a planned site to the west and is the reason why it has been discounted.
35-43 Greyfriars Road RG1 1NP NGR: 471258/173758 (Rooftop)	The rooftop is too low in order to deliver the required level of coverage to the target coverage area. This site has therefore been discounted for this reason.
Celador Apartments Projection West Market Place RG1 1ET NGR: 471438/173652 (Rooftop)	The rooftop is too low in order to deliver the required level of coverage to the target coverage area. This site has therefore been discounted for this reason.
30-31 Friar Street RG1 1DP NGR: 471417/173639	The rooftop is too low in order to deliver the required level of coverage to the target coverage area. This site has

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(Rooftop)	therefore been discounted for this reason.
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In line with Best Practice principles we have shared these details with planning officers and the Ward councillors.

ICNIRP Compliance

All Vodafone's installations are designed to be fully compliant with the public exposure guidelines established by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). These guidelines have the support of UK Government, the European Union and they also have the formal backing of the World Health Organisation. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance will be included within the planning submission.

Radio technology and health

Useful information sources on this include:

Code of Best Practice on Mobile Network Development

<http://www.mobileuk.org/cms-assets/documents/259876-147086.code-of-best-practice-2016-edition->

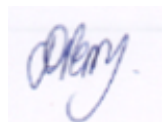
National Planning Policy Framework www.communities.gov.uk/pub

World Health Organisation – Electromagnetic Fields www.who.int/peh-emf/en

International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection www.icnirp.de

I trust all is clear from the enclosed but if you have further questions on this or any other matter concerning Vodafone please do not hesitate to contact us through Community Consultation & EMF Enquiries within 14 days from the date of this letter.

Yours faithfully



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(for and on behalf of CTIL and Vodafone Ltd)