

Our Reference: WIG/SOUTHCOTE

Date: 28th February 2020

Head of Planning
Reading Borough Council
Civic Offices
Bridge Street
Reading
RG1 2LU

Dear Sir/Madam

**SUBMISSION OF PLANNING APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED
TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT AT SOUTHCOTE RS,
BURGHFIELD ROAD, SOUTHCOTE, RG30 3NB**

Further to the granting of the existing telecommunications equipment at appeal (application reference: 05/00326/TELE), it is necessary due to future operational obligations to remove the existing 15m monopole and replace it with a new 25m lattice mast and ancillary equipment due to the height of the surrounding clutter between the site location and the cell coverage area, in order to provide improved coverage to existing customers. The tower would continue to provide 2G, 3G and 4G coverage for EE's customers within this area providing them with mobile, voice, text and data services, as well as being optimised to include the upgrade of 5G equipment. It would also provide opportunity for additional operators to site share in the future, reducing the number of masts within the locale.

As the mast is a replacement mast which is more than 1/3 wider than the existing it is submitted in full, (rather than as a Prior Notification) as required by The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (amendment no 2) Order 2016 A.1.(1) (d) (ii).

Utilising an existing established telecommunications radio base station site is more sequentially preferable than the installation of a new ground-based installation for the operators elsewhere within the cell area, which would lead to the proliferation of masts. A search for alternative sites has not therefore been considered appropriate in this instance.

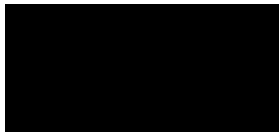
This application for full planning permission seeks approval for this amendment to the development and comprises:

- Completed FP application form;
- O.S site plan scale **(1:1250)** Drawing No.100 (REV E) showing the red line area;

- Drawings No. 101, 102,103, 104,105 and 107 (all REV E)
- The relevant land ownership certificate;
- The appropriate fee of £462;
- ICNIRP Declaration; and
- Planning Supporting Statement;

I trust that the above information is acceptable, however should you require any additional information, or have any queries relating to this application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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For and on behalf of Wireless Infrastructure Group (WIG)