

Our Ref: CTIL122432 / 15624TEF/3567VF

Central Swindon South Parish Councillors

28th October 2019

Dear Councillors

(CELL REF: CTIL122432 / 15624TEF/3567VF) - UPGRADE OF THE EXISTING ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS APPARATUS UPON TORRINGTON COURT, BANWELL AVENUE, PARK NORTH, ELDENE, SWINDON, WILTSHIRE, SN3 2NF (NGR: 417194/184194)

Telefónica UK Limited has entered into an agreement with Vodafone Limited pursuant to which the two companies plan to jointly operate and manage a single network grid across the UK. These arrangements will be overseen by Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (Cornerstone) which is a joint venture company owned by Telefónica UK Limited and Vodafone Limited.

This agreement allows both organisations to:

- Pool their basic network infrastructure, while running two, independent, nationwide networks
- Maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development

Cornerstone on behalf of Vodafone have identified this existing electronic communications base station site as suitable for an equipment upgrade. The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before proceeding with the works. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, Cornerstone and Vodafone are committed to consultation with communities for mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of Vodafones continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for the upgrade of this existing radio base station at this location to provide improved network services including new 5G services to this area of Swindon.

Mobiles can only work with a network of base stations in place where people want to use their mobile phones or other wireless devices. Without base stations, the mobile phones and other devices we rely on simply won't work.

Please find below the details of the proposed site upgrade works with the technical network requirement being as follows:

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- The upgrade of the existing radio equipment incorporating the removal of 3 antennas and their replacement with 6 antennas associated development works thereto. In order to provide improved network services and data handling capabilities, including new 5G services from this existing site.

A number of options have been assessed in respect of the site search process and we consider the best solution is as follows:

- THE UPGRADE OF THE EXISTING BASE STATION UPON TORRINGTON COURT, BANWELL AVENUE, PARK NORTH, ELDENE, SWINDON, WILTSHIRE, SN3 2NF (NGR: 417194/184194)
- Following a thorough review, the proposed upgrade works at this extant electronic communications site as detailed within this letter and appended plans has been chosen to provide the improved levels of network services required from this existing base station whilst minimising the upgrade developments impact upon the local area.

The Local Planning Authority mast register and our records of other potential sites have already been reviewed, the policies in the Development Plan have been taken into account and the planning history of the site has been examined.

All Vodafone 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.

We look forward to receiving any comments you may have on the proposal within 14 days of this letter.

Yours faithfully



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Enc. Drawings
General Background Information