

Our Ref: 220338

3rd August 2020

The Chief Planning Officer
Kirklees Metropolitan Council
Planning Department
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Submission of an Application for a Prior Approval Determination

Proposed Alterations to Existing Base Station installation at Deal House, 603-605 Wakefield Road, Huddersfield, Waterloo, West Yorkshire, HD5 9XP

We submit herewith an application for a prior approval determination for the installation of electronic communications apparatus at the above site.

This application follows the completion of our pre-application engagement exercise, reflecting so far as is practicable the guidance and comments offered.

The application is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Part 16 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as amended, and seeks a determination as to whether the Authority's approval will be required for the siting and appearance of the development.

The application comprises:

- i. The written description of the development: Proposed upgrade on the existing Telecommunications Installation as captured on the enclosed drawings.
- ii. An O.S. site plan scale (1:200) drawing reference number 220338 showing the location where the apparatus will be installed.
- iii. Payment of £462.00 in respect of the application fee.
- iv. The Developer's Notice served on the landowner.
- v. The Developer's contact details.
- vi. The Notification served on the Secretary of State for Defence/the Civil Aviation Authority of the aerodrome operator (where applicable).

The following information is also provided to assist with your determination of the application:

- vii. Drawing reference numbers – 220338 – providing further details of the siting, layout and design of the development.
- viii. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance.
- ix. National Policy - Supporting Mobile Connectivity.

The Proposed Development

The operator already provides coverage from the existing base station at this site, but has a requirement to install the electronic communications apparatus referred to in this letter and shown in the submitted drawings in order to provide improvements to its network. As a consequence, this particular technical requirement is not one that can be met on an alternative site.

The amount of development, its design and the location of the apparatus at this existing electronic communications site has been guided by the technical and operational requirements of the operator's system having proper regard to minimise appearance. Having regard to the nature and appearance of the structure as a whole, the proposed works should have no adverse impact, or no more than a minimal adverse impact, on its appearance. The electronic communications apparatus proposed should not materially affect the overall appearance of the existing site to any noticeable or adverse degree from any public vantage points.

The apparatus proposed will not bring about any additional requirements with regard to access. Access to this operational site will, therefore, remain the same as the current arrangements as shown on Plan.

In accordance with all relevant health and safety regulations and guidelines, access to the site is restricted to authorised personnel and access for maintaining or servicing all the apparatus can only be carried out by properly trained and qualified staff. Such routine operations will continue to be carried out roughly once a quarter, with no requirement to increase this arising out of the development proposed. The application does not therefore give rise to any public issues associated with access.

As the apparatus proposed will lead to improvements to a public service provided in the local area, the application merits support and accords in all respects with national policy as set out in our supporting document 'National Policy - Supporting Mobile Connectivity', especially the National Planning Policy Framework. The proposal looks to meet all relevant policy.

This letter and the enclosures also provides due notification, as may be required, under the relevant conditions of the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003, as amended. In particular, you are given notice of the intention to install the electronic communications apparatus described in more detail in the application documentation (including the scale drawings) and to be located as shown on the application plans. No fee is required for this separate statutory notification.

Developer's Contact Details

All correspondence and queries relating the determination of this application should be submitted to the undersigned.

However, in accordance with the requirements of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as amended any correspondence to the developers should be sent to:

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We would be willing to meet with you, or assist with any visits to the site and the surrounding area, if this is beneficial to the determination of the application.

Finally, your attention is drawn to the statutory 56 day period for the determination of this application, for which further guidance is provided in paragraphs 8.4-8.8 of the Code of Best Practice on Mobile Network Development in England, June 2016.

Yours faithfully

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