

**Consultation Response from KC,  
Policy**

**2023/91704 Almondbury Cricket Club, Fernside Avenue, Almondbury, Huddersfield**

**Prior notification for proposed 20m high Valmont climbable monopole on 5.2 x 5.2 x 1.4m deep concrete base with config 2 circular headframe for 6 antenna apertures at 60°/150°/320° and 4 600 dishes; MHA's and active routers to be fixed to headframe behind antennas and associated ancillary works**

**Date Responded:21/06/2023**

**Responding Officer:**

**Responding Ref: AL**

This proposal is for the erection of a telecommunications mast with associated cabinet housing radio equipment within an existing cricket ground allocated as urban green space (UGS) on the Kirklees Local Plan (adopted February 2019).

Whilst this is a prior notification, consideration of the proposed development against Local Plan policy LP61 (Urban Green Space) should be given to any loss of UGS, which will need to be determined by your site visit.

If there is a loss of UGS this would not be consistent with LP61 in that the UGS site, in active use as a cricket ground, is required to meet local sporting needs and has not been identified as clearly no longer required. The proposal is not providing replacement open space provision as set out in criterion (b) of LP61, and is not for an alternative open space, sport or recreation use as set out in criterion (c) of LP61.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is a material consideration in this case and careful consideration should be given to the policies set out in paragraphs 114-118 which support the expansion of electronic communications networks.

As this proposal is located within an existing cricket ground Sport England should be consulted for their comments regarding any potential impact on the use of the playing field as a cricket pitch and ball strike issues.