

## **DELEGATED REPORT / CASE OFFICER'S ASSESSMENT**

**Ref No:** ST/1082/18/TPN

**Proposal:** Application for prior approval under Part 16, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 for the removal of: 17.5m high monopole mast, 6no. antennas, 2no. dish (1no. 300mm: 1no. 600mm), 3no. cabinet (1300x110x1926mm: 1350x700x1300mm: 600x600x1450mm) and all ancillary apparatus including 2.5m headframe, all RAL7037 grey.  
Installation of: 20m high monopole mast, 6no. antennas, 2no. dish (1No. 300mm, 1No. 600mm), 2no. cabinets (1300x700x1450mm: 700x840x1800mm), all ancillary apparatus including headframe, GPS module, combiners, remote radio units, fencing, etc.

**Location:** Existing Telecommunications Site at Wreigh Street  
Hebburn  
NE31 1BJ

**Site Visit Made: 09/01/2019**

### **Relevant policies/SPDs**

- 1 DM1 - Management of Development (A, B, G)
- 2 LDF CS EA5 - Environmental Protection

### **Description of the site and of the proposals**

This application seeks prior approval under Part 16 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the installation of the following:

- 1no. 20m high monopole mast,
- 6no. antennas,
- 2no. dishes (1no. 300mm & 1no. 600mm),
- 2no. cabinets (1300x700x1450mm & 700x840x1800mm),
- ancillary apparatus including headframe, GPS module, combiners, remote radio units, fencing, etc.

An existing monopole, 6no. antennas, 2no. dishes, 3no. cabinets and all ancillary apparatus would be removed. The works are required to upgrade the existing mobile telecommunications network.

The application site is on Wreigh Street in Hebburn, set between two industrial buildings. The nearest residential properties are on Landfall Dive, approximately 95m to the south. The surrounding street scene comprises of industrial buildings and associated paraphernalia.

### **Publicity / Consultations (Expiry date 05/01/2019 )**

#### **1) Neighbour responses**

None

## 2) Other Consultee responses

Traffic and Road Safety - recommend approval

### Assessment

In assessing this application due regard has been had to the requirement of section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

### The prior approval process

Before installing certain telecommunications apparatus under permitted development rights an electronic communications code operator must apply to the local planning authority for a determination as to whether their 'prior approval' of the siting and appearance of the development is required - as set in Schedule 2 Part 16 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015. A prior approval determination is therefore not the same as an application for planning permission in terms of decision making as the Council must only consider the siting and design of the development.

The Council must make its decision within 56 days of receiving the application on the acceptability of the siting and design, or the applicant may proceed to erect the proposal as permitted development.

### ICNIRP declaration

The National Planning Policy Framework states at Paragraph 46 that "*Local Planning Authorities must determine applications on planning grounds. They should not seek to prevent competition between different operators, question the need for the telecommunications system, or determine health safeguards if the proposal meets International Commission guidelines for public exposure.*"

An ICNIRP declaration has been submitted with the application, which declares that the proposal is designed to be in full compliance with the requirements of the radio frequency (RF) public exposure guidelines of the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) for public exposure.

### Siting and design

The proposed monopole would have a relatively slender appearance, with apparatus to the top and would replace an existing monopole, albeit it would be 2.5m higher than the existing monopole. The monopole as existing is set between two industrial buildings and as such is not highly visible within the vicinity. The area is characterised by moderate to large sized industrial buildings and there is a plethora of street furniture and masts / poles etc within the area, including the existing monopole which is to be replaced. It is not considered that the increase in height would result in a significant detrimental impact upon the visual amenity of the area. The addition of ancillary equipment would not be out of keeping with the area and would not be widely visible within the locality. It is not considered that the development as a whole would result in a significant detrimental impact upon the visual amenity of the area.

The nearest residential properties are located approximately 95 metres from the application site and are separated from the site by the Metro line and an industrial building. Based on this separation distance and the maximum height and size of the apparatus, it is not considered that its siting would cause any significant harm to residential amenity.

The Council's Traffic and Road Safety Team have raised no objections to the proposed development.

It is considered that the design and siting of the apparatus would be acceptable would comply with the requirements of the NPPF and Local Development Framework policies. It is therefore recommended that prior approval is given.

### **Recommendation**

Prior Approval Required & Given

### **Informatives**

- 1 In dealing with this application the Council has implemented the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework to seek to approve applications for sustainable development where possible.
- 2 The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0345 762 6848.

Further information is also available on the Coal Authority website at:  
[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority)

**Case officer: Seán Gallagher**

**Signed:**

**Date: 10/01/2019**

**Authorised Signatory:**

**Date:**

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