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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: MBNL_ARN004 - VICTORIA ROAD/CHICHESTER RD
Date: 24 June 2020 09:50:00
Attachments: Proposed Plans Rev A.pdf

Dear Ms Davis

Thank you for the letter you sent to Clarke Telecom Ltd with comments made by members of Bognor Regis Town Council. This letter has been passed to me as Planning Manager of Clarke Telecom Ltd to respond to.

I note that some members raised concerns regarding the health implications of 5G installations. Radio base stations are designed to comply with the stringent, precautionary public exposure guidelines set out by ICNIRP (International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection). These guidelines have been developed following a thorough review of the science including both thermal and non-thermal effects. UK radio base station installations have been surveyed by independent bodies and found to be hundreds and sometimes thousands of times below these guidelines. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework contains clear guidance that LPAs must determine applications on planning grounds only. They should not seek to set health safeguards different from the International Commission guidelines for public exposure (Para 116). A Declaration of Conformity with the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) Public Exposure Guidelines will be submitted with the application.

Notably, Ofcom have now undertaken 5G audits in the major cities and the results indicate that the exposure level are a small fraction of the limits. This further reinforces the PHE guidance in respect of 5G which states: "It is possible that there may be a small increase in overall exposure to radio waves when 5G is added to an existing network or in a new area. However, the overall exposure is expected to remain low relative to guidelines and, as such, there should be no consequences for public health." (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/5g-technologies-radio-waves-and-health>).

Comments have been raised as to whether an alternative location can be found. The current proposed works are an upgrade to this installation to enable 5G to be brought to this area. Ultimately the existing 17.5m column will be replaced by the proposed new column in a slightly different location, but the timings of this cannot be provided due to the need to ensure that there is no loss of service especially during these very trying times that we are living through. Consequently the intention is to retain the existing monopole for a short period, integrate the 5G antennas on the new monopole and to remove the existing monopole when it is practicable. The intention is not to have both monopoles in place for an extended period but simply to ensure that the most effective support for the network is provided at the current time. The timescales involved are dependent upon available teams to complete the works, the integration of the new site and the operational requirement to maintain the network to its fullest capacity during this unprecedented period. We do not anticipate this to be a long period of time but I hope you can appreciate that at present our priority is providing connectivity to all users without any chance of a loss in coverage.

As this is an upgrade to an existing installation the opportunity to relocate the column is very limited, as it is an established site which is configured in to the operators network. Therefore the

column needs to be as close as possible to the existing to ensure that the current service provision is not detrimentally affected and that equivalent coverage can continue to be provided. If the radio base station were to move further away from its current location, then it would not provide equivalent coverage and any significant move would start to interfere with neighbouring cells causing the service provision to be degraded in these areas, which would have a knock on effect to the operators network configuration in the wider area.

The latest plans have been provided for this site and I attach these to this email for your information. The proposed height is now at 18m and has been slightly relocated to the corner of Victoria Drive and the roundabout.

Kind regards

Jennie

From: Bognortc <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 19 June 2020 14:47
To: Victoria O'Toole <V[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: MBNL_ARN004 - VICTORIA ROAD/CHICHESTER RD

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter on behalf of Bognor Regis Town Council.

Yours sincerely,

Jo

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From: Victoria O'Toole <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 08 June 2020 15:55
To: Bognortc <[REDACTED]>
Subject: MBNL_ARN004 - VICTORIA ROAD/CHICHESTER RD

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached consultation information regarding a proposed upgrade to the existing telecommunications installation at the above site for your information/comment.

Kind regards

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