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Sent: 06 October 2017 09:01
To: Planning.Responses
Subject: FW: Planning Application at Existing Telecommunications Installation Ferring Water Pumping Station - Replacement monopole & antennas & 1 No. replacement cabinet (Ref: FG/139/17/PL)

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From: Alan Neale [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 October 2017 18:45
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Subject: RE: Planning Application at Existing Telecommunications Installation Ferring Water Pumping Station - Replacement monopole & antennas & 1 No. replacement cabinet (Ref: FG/139/17/PL)

Good evening Anita,

Thank you for coming back to me.

My understanding is that the tree height is fairly peripheral in this case, and although there might be some small issues in the summer months, the height increase (trees or not) is required to ensure the installation can provide proper and effective 2G, 3G and 4G coverage and capacity (4G is not currently installed on this site) and critically, to ensure that the new ESN installation can cover all the local area required. In the latter case, as was the situation with Airwave before it, there will be significantly less ESN installs to cover the whole of the country than would be the case for commercial mobile operation, thus each one has a significant area to cover. In such case, good height is key.

I would again refer you to the photomontages, which are taken from a variety of genuine public viewpoints. These demonstrate that the site is remote in terms of all local views, and that the impact of what is just a 3m increase in relation to those views is pretty minor. Please also bear in mind that we have repositioned the new pole as you required, and this has provided a little more screening when viewed from the south.

I do not think there is anything more that we can do in this case, and I do feel that although the drawings might indicate that the changes will have an impact on the local area, these are necessarily bald, 2 dimensional representations. In fact, as demonstrated by the photomontages, the reality of the impact when viewed locally is not significant.

I would also observe that (as far as I can tell from your website, given that the consultation period ended today), there have been no other comments or concerns raised. Indeed, we do often find now that with so many people using smart mobile phones and other highly capable mobile devices, people are very keen to secure the best possible coverage to their local area, and that is a key concern for both individuals and businesses (the call I had from Mr Whibley rather demonstrates that!). In this case, there is also the added benefit in bringing the ESN system on to site.

Please do let me know when you have formulated your final recommendation.

Regards

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To: 'Alan Neale'

Subject: RE: Planning Application at Existing Telecommunications Installation Ferring Water Pumping Station - Replacement monopole & antennas & 1 No. replacement cabinet (Ref: FG/139/17/PL)

Dear Alan,

I think that the Parish Council are saying that if the trees were pruned and reduced in height then, in turn, the proposed mast could also be reduced in height, whilst maintaining the level of coverage, capacity and connectivity it is hoped to achieve as a result of the current proposal. A lower tree line and consequently a lower mast would have less visual impact.

Is the current height of the trees a contributory factor in the need to increase the height of the mast?

Regards

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From: Alan Neale

Sent: 04 October 2017 12:14

To: Anita Gardner

Subject: RE: Planning Application at Existing Telecommunications Installation Ferring Water Pumping Station - Replacement monopole & antennas & 1 No. replacement cabinet (Ref: FG/139/17/PL)

Importance: High

Good Afternoon Anita,

As you would expect, I have been keeping an eye on progress of the above application through your website.

I note your letter to Ferring Parish Council of today's date, although I have not seen the full extent of the Parish Councils representations. I do however note that they have objected.

When we originally consulted the Parish Council, they put forward the view that the trees should potentially be 'managed' (which I take to mean being lopped or cut) to avoid the need to replace the pole and increase its height. In response, I said that I felt it would be a retrograde step to reduce the tree cover further. In addition, in this case, tree management alone would not be sufficient, as an increased height is required to improve coverage, capacity and connectivity, and to ensure appropriate coverage for the new Emergency Services Network, which is required at this site.

I do think the photomontages demonstrate that the overall impact is relatively minor, and you will appreciate that we have repositioned the new pole to take account of your views.

I note that you have not received any other comments, although also appreciate that the consultation period does not close until tomorrow.

My clients have asked for a status update, so perhaps when you have been able to gather your thoughts, you could let me know your views. In addition, if there is any additional information that you need, please do let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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From: Alan Neale [REDACTED]
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Subject: Planning Application at Existing Telecommunications Installation Ferring Water Pumping Station - Replacement monopole & antennas & 1 No. replacement cabinet (Ref: FG/139/17/PL)

Good Morning Anita,

I refer to the above, and you might be aware I have had a call from a Mr Whibley (who was referred to me by yourself), who was concerned about any break in coverage while the new pole at the above is replaced (if consent is granted).

I have informed him that in my experience, any break in coverage is minimal, as the operators are always very keen to try to ensure that this doesn't happen. That might entail a temporary installation for a few days while the works take place, or it may be that the new pole can be put in place before the old is decommissioned, but you will appreciate I am not privy to the programme of works as/if/when this happens.

In the meantime, although I understand it is early days, there do not appear to have been any other comments, but I appreciate that the period for representations has just over another 2 weeks to run. If any queries do arise, please do not hesitate to contact me, and I am sure we can source an answer.

Regards

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