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From: Anita Gardner
Sent: 23 October 2017 11:37
To: Karen Parsons
Subject: FW: FG/139/17/PL - Planning Application at Existing Telecommunications Installation Ferring Water Pumping Station - Replacement monopole & antennas & 1 No. replacement cabinet (Ref: FG/139/17/PL)

Importance: High

Please can this EOT be recorded ?
Thanks

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Importance: High

Good Morning Anita,

This mail confirms that my clients have agreed to an extension of time within which this application can be considered, and as per your mail below, I understand that this will take it to Monday 20th November.

My client and I will prepare some additional information which we hope will constitute sufficient information to allow you to be able to recommend an approval, although some of this will, inevitably, be restating some of the points and information as below. I will be back to you with this information as soon as possible.

Please acknowledge receipt of this mail.

Regards

Alan

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From: Alan Neale [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 11:37 AM
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)

Good Morning Anita,

I will seek my clients instructions, but I do need to emphasise some points in relation to this particular site:

- The scheme is an upgrade for both the EE and 3 UK networks, in order to provide better 2G, 3G and 4G coverage and capacity. Please note that 4G is **NOT** currently available at this site
- ESN is a new system, that is replacing the Airwave network, and it utilises the 4G spectrum of EE. ESN must be placed in locations that provide the widest coverage to the target area, and clearly this site can provide the best coverage for the ESN network in this area.
- We would not expect to consider alternative sites for an upgrade, and in that respect you might wish to refer to the Code of Best Practice that was revised in November 2016. In particular, please note the following:
 - *5.9 Increasing consumer demand, especially for data is putting demands on mobile operators for improved connectivity and more capacity on their networks. This is driven by the widespread adoption of smartphones and the rapid uptake of tablet devices, and the way consumers are now using them, often choosing to do so when they have a fixed connection available. In addition, the Government has ambitious aspirations for improving connectivity and coverage, especially in rural areas. All these factors result in the need to continually upgrade and improve mobile networks, which will not function without the necessary infrastructure on which they rely.*
 - Section 8, and the reference to Stage 1a on Site Selection - *Stage 1a relates to the selection of new sites. It would not normally apply to upgrades/alterations to existing sites (including redevelopment or replacement of an existing site to facilitate an upgrade or sharing with another operator).*
 - Most particularly the industry adopted Supplementary Information Form (replicated in the CoBP), where at Section 5 Site Selection Process, it states, Alternative sites considered and not chosen (not required for upgrades/alterations to existing sites including redevelopment or replacement of an existing site to facilitate an upgrade or sharing with another operator).
 - As regards ESN, I am sure that I can obtain some more information as to why this site is the most suitable, but just to emphasise this scheme is not purely for ESN
- I feel that I must again refer you to the photomontages. These are genuine representations of how the scheme will look, and its remoteness from public views are such that the changes do not significantly increase the prominence. I also note that, other than the Parish Council, you have had NO objections or comments.

In the meantime, I will seek my clients instructions on whether they would wish the scheme to be determined based on the current information, or whether they will agree to a 3 week extension in order to provide more information.

I will be back to you by Monday morning latest.

Regards

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Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 10:55 AM

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 have now had an opportunity to discuss the application with my Team Leader.

We do have concerns about the size of the mast and its visual prominence in this open rural environment. From the information submitted in support of the application it is stated that the increase in size of the installation is due in part to the deployment of the new Emergency Services Network at this site. Where is it relocating from? Why is it necessary to utilise this particular site?

There is another telecoms site in Ferring close to the library in Greystoke Road. Why can't this site be utilised as an alternative for both the ESN and EE network?

Policy DEV41 of the Local Plan requires consideration to be given to other sites and there is no evidence that this has taken place. Given the visual prominence of the site and the size of the installation proposed the development would only be acceptable if there are no satisfactory alternatives. From the information submitted this has not been fully explored. There are locations closer to existing development in the area that would be less visually intrusive and would better serve as a backdrop for the equipment proposed.

On this basis it is likely that the application will be refused under delegated powers on Monday.

However, if you would like to provide additional justification for the site selection, other than that an existing established site is being utilised, I can allow additional time for receipt of this information and would suggest a 3 week extension of time on the application, until 20-11-2017 to allow time for receipt and further consideration. Please can you let me know by lunchtime on Monday if you wish to agree to an EOT and provide additional information.

Regards

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From: Alan Neale [REDACTED]

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.

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