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From: Anita Gardner
Sent: 20 November 2017 09:15
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)

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From: Alan Neale [REDACTED]
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To: Anita Gardner
Subject: RE: 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)

Evening Anita,

No problem, understood. We have no problem in agreeing a further extension of time as you propose.

I, my clients, and particularly EE, hope that the additional information and justification we have sent you is now sufficient for you to fully appreciate the issues here, particularly the critical nature of the ESN system. However, if a meeting to elucidate further would be of value, we are very happy to journey down to Littlehampton to meet you and your colleagues.

We are hoping that consideration by committee will not be necessary, but I do understand that until you have been able to discuss the matter with your team leader, this remains a possibility.

I look forward to hearing from you again next week.

Just one final point -- I note from your website that although the mail from EE providing more information on ESN is listed as a document, it cannot be viewed.

Regards

Alan

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From: Anita Gardner [mailto:Anita.Gardner@arun.gov.uk]
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To: 'Alan Neale'
Subject: RE: 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)

Dear Alan,

My team leader has been away this week and I am hoping to discuss the application and additional information with him next week.

The application expires on Monday 20-11-2017 so I would appreciate your agreement to an extension of time until 15-12-2017 to allow for the application to be considered at the next Development Control Committee meeting in December if this is necessary.

Regards

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From: Alan Neale [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 November 2017 15:16
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

Afternoon Anita,

Thank you for coming back to me. I of course understand that you need to digest the contents of what we have sent you.

What we want to avoid is a situation where you are likely to recommend a refusal, if you still feel you do not have enough information, which is why we have proposed that we can come and meet you to discuss further.

Given that you have only received comments from the Parish Council, I had thought that the application would be determined under delegated powers?

Either way, if you could let me know how you think it best to proceed, so that I can advise my clients, that would be much appreciated. We have no difficulty in agreeing a further extension of time to allow as much additional dialogue as necessary.

Look forward to hearing from you again very shortly.

Regards

Alan

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From: Anita Gardner [mailto:Anita.Gardner@arun.gov.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 1:08 PM
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)

Hello Andrew,

I have received your e-mail and am arranging for the additional information to be added to the application. I am in Committee this afternoon and will need to discuss the additional information with other officers later this week. I will let you know if a meeting would be helpful. It may be that the application will need to be determined at Committee. The next available meeting would be 13-12-2017.

Regards

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From: Alan Neale
Sent: 15 November 2017 12:47
To: Anita Gardner
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Importance: High

Afternoon Anita,

I have just left a message on your voicemail.

If you could get back to me on this, that would be appreciated. I do understand that there is a lot of information to take in, and its not ideal that this has been provided rather late in the process. However, my clients would like to know if the information supplied is now sufficient, or whether we should try to agree a further extension of time, to allow a meeting as below.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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From: Alan Neale [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 8:54 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)
Importance: High

Morning Anita,

I am a little concerned that my mail from last night (with the attachments) might not have been delivered, thus I am just sending a follow up without them, and would be grateful if you could confirm if everything has been received.

Many thanks

Alan

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From: Alan Neale [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 7:07 PM
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 Evening Anita,

I must apologise for the delay in coming back to you, but we wanted to provide you with as much information as we could, although even now, the feeling is that, certainly in terms of ESN (which is critical here), the technical information that we can give you is less than we would want, and I have been asked to set up a meeting with yourself to discuss this particular aspect (see below).

In the meantime, attached are:

- A supplemental justification, which deals with coverage, height, structure, ESN and the alternative site option at Greystoke Road
- Coverage plots that indicate proposed 4G coverage, which I must again stress is NOT currently at this site, AND which is the basis for ESN
- Coverage plots in relation to the alternative site. As an alternative option, this simply is not feasible, particularly given that it is currently a small, low level, thin streetworks installation (and even if it were feasible, it will not provide adequate coverage)
- An email from EE, which provides more background on the essential ESN requirement, and within which EE are seeking to set up a meeting, and in order to do so, would like a further extension of time for consideration of this application.

It has become clear, albeit rather late in this process, that the ESN requirement at this site is primary. To that extent, the 4G coverage spectrum that ESN will use must be sufficient for it to function as a site capable of supporting ALL the emergency services; at a lower height, this is not possible, and it is for this reason that we would be very willing to attend a meeting with yourself, and any of your colleagues, to discuss this. We are conscious that bald coverage plots cannot convey why the better coverage at 14m is essential. In order to do this, we would like to suggest another extension of time, beyond next Monday 20th November.

I will try to phone you tomorrow to gauge your thoughts on this, and whether you would be willing to agree another extension of time as above.

Regards

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From: Alan Neale 
Sent: Monday, 19 November 2018
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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)
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.

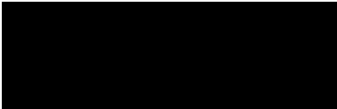
Please acknowledge receipt of this mail.

Regards

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Sent: Friday, Oct [REDACTED]
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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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]

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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.

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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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