

*Design, Access and
Supporting Statement*

in respect of GPDO application

*On behalf of
Everything Everywhere Ltd*

*Re: Kingmere, Granville Road,
Littlehampton, West Sussex*

Our ref: WSS0007

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1.0 Introduction

This statement forms part of an application submitted on behalf of Everything Everywhere Limited. It has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 42 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 which requires the submission of a Design and Access Statement to accompany planning applications.

2.0 Proposed Development

2.1 The Site

The site is an existing Everything Everywhere Ltd telecommunications site. It is located on the roof of Kingmere, Granville Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex.

The application site comprises the area required for the proposed upgrade to the telecommunications installation including the equipment housing. Provision has also been allowed for vehicular access.

2.2 The Proposal

Consideration has been given to technical, engineering, environmental and land use planning considerations within the design of the proposed telecommunications installation.

The principal components of the proposed development are outlined on the Supplementary Information Template and on the attached Drawings Numbered WSS0007/101-102.

The proposal upgrade works will involve the replacement of 3 existing cabinets, with 4 new cabinets.

The existing site was chosen for upgrade since Everything Everywhere already occupies this site and with the new proposed replacement of three existing cabinets with three new cabinets and the installation of an additional cabinet will successfully rectify this situation. As a result of this the existing antennas need to be raised for Health and Safety requirements, this was previously approved under LN. As this is an existing site the replacement of the existing equipment for the proposed equipment will reduce the impact the installation has on the area. It has been decided that upgrading this site is the best option in order to avoid the requirement for an additional separate telecommunications mast.

Everything Everywhere is aware of local feelings towards telecommunications and has made every effort to allow for local concern with this application. From the outset, when the upgrade option was first considered, the decision was made to try and minimise the visual impact that the installation may cause. In order to do this an existing site has been chosen to locate the new equipment and the required network coverage can still be fulfilled.

3.0 Access

3.1 Construction and Maintenance Access

Access to the site is via Granville Road. The site is accessible via motor vehicle and on foot. Maintenance is only required every 3/4 months and only one small vehicle will be required in the area for maintenance purposes. Consequently it is not envisaged that access will present a problem to the area and compliance with any clauses within the lease agreement will address any subsequent issues. During the construction process all build and maintenance regulations will be complied with and this can be confirmed closer to the time of construction if required.

3.2 Public Access

Radio base stations are not designed to be accessible by the public. Therefore no specific public access provisions are required to be incorporated into the design of the proposal.

4.0 Pre-application Consultation

4.1 Local Planning Authority

Paragraph 8 of the Appendix to PPG8 states that the aim should be for authorities and operators to work together to find optimum solutions to development requirements. The Government strongly encourages pre-development and pre-application discussions between operators and authorities.

A LN letter was sent to the LPA on the 4th October 2011 for the proposed plans. Daniel Vick responded on the 18th October 2011 allowing the relocation and raising of the existing antennas on site but stating that a GPDO application would be required for the replacement of 3 existing cabinets and the installation of an additional new cabinet.

4.2 Public Consultation

In line with the ten Commitments of the Mobile Operators Association (MOA) ¹ the site was rated according to the Traffic Light Model. The site was rated Green and therefore consultation was not carried out with the local community. This site has been selected in accordance with PPG8 which outlines that the use of an existing structure is strongly recommended.

5.0 Schools/Colleges

No Consultation was carried out for this site upgrade.

6.0 Civil Aviation Auth/Sec. of State for Defence/Aerodrome Operator

There is no Airport or Aerodrome within 3km of the proposal and therefore there was no need for consultation with the CAA / Secretary of State for Defence or Aerodrome Operator.

¹ Can be viewed on the Mobile Operators Association (MOA) website
http://www.mobilemastinfo.com/planning/Ten_Commitments.pdf

7.0 Planning Policy

7.1 General Policies

National guidance on telecommunications in England is contained in Planning Policy Guidance Note 8 'Telecommunications' (PPG8).

An indication of the importance the government attaches to telecommunications can be gauged from the first paragraph of the Appendix 'Modern telecommunications are an essential and beneficial element in the life of the local community and in the national economy (Paragraph 1, Appendix, PPG8).

7.2 Specific Policies

Site sharing

PPG8 attaches considerable importance to keeping the numbers of masts to a minimum in order to limit visual intrusion (Paragraph 19 - PPG8).

In accordance with this policy our proposal involves utilising the existing installation.

We consider that the environmental impact is minimal and it will avoid the need for a new mast (Paragraphs 19 and 20 - PPG8).

8.0 GPDO Applications

It is important to recognise that the proposed development is permitted, in principle, by Part 24 of the GPDO.

Thus the legal and policy context for the proposed development (through PPG8 and the GPDO) weighs in favour therefore provides general support for the proposal.

9.0 Local Planning Policies

General

The proposal has given full regard to the guidance set out in the Arun District Council Local Policy.

10.0 Consideration of Alternatives

As this is an upgrade of an existing telecoms site, no alternative options were explored.

11.0 Health and Safety

PPG8 states that it is not for the local planning authority to seek to replicate through the planning system controls under the health and safety regime as it is a matter for the Health and Safety Executive.

The Government guidelines state that provided a proposed base station meets the ICNIRP guidelines for public exposure then it should not be necessary for the local planning authority to consider the health effects and concerns about them.

I can confirm that the proposed base station will comply with ICNIRP guidelines and I have attached the Certificate of Compliance, which is cumulative for all operators.

12.0 Conclusion

The current proposal has been designed in line with PPG8 and therefore an upgrade of this site is the best option for Everything Everywhere and also supplies the level of coverage that is needed for the area. It is considered that such a proposal will have no additional visual impact upon the surrounding area and views taken into and out of the area will not be affected to the detriment of the character and appearance of the area.

It can therefore be seen that the upgrade of this telecommunications installation proposed as set out in this application has been designed and sited with regard given to technical, engineering and land use planning considerations, in order to minimise its impact on the local environment. The proposal will provide sufficient coverage and capacity to an acknowledged area of current poor coverage. The installation has been designed to have a minimal impact upon local residents and the environment and as such it is felt that the proposal is acceptable in all aspects. Accordingly, the proposed development is considered to conform to national and local planning policies.