

**PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (TELECOMMUNICATIONS) SUB
COMMITTEE**

9 October 2003

Attendance:

Councillors:

Bennetts (Chairman) (P)

Baxter (P)
Davies (P)

Pearson (P)
Read (P)
Sutton (P)

Officers in attendance:

Miss A Fettes (Senior Planner)

1. **10 METRE POLE MAST SUPPORTING 2 NO. ANTENNA WITH 2 NO. CABINS
AT GROUND LEVEL AT LAND ADJACENT TO B3047 AND A31
WINCHESTER ROAD, ALRESFORD – PRIOR NOTIFICATION APPLICATION
FROM VODAFONE.**

The Sub-Committee met at the application site at land adjacent to the roundabout at the B3047 and A31 Winchester Road, Alresford. The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr McKay from Waldon Telecom on behalf of the applicant, Vodafone. Also present was Mr Smorfilt representing Tichborne Parish Council together with a local resident.

Miss Fettes explained that a prior notification application that had been submitted by Vodafone for the erection of a 10 metre high monopole supporting two antennae and two cabins at ground level and associated hard-standing. The overall height of the structure was to be 12 metres. The equipment cabin was to measure 1.1 by 1 metre by 2 metres and the electricity cabin to be 1 by 1 metre by 0.3 metres. Miss Fettes also confirmed that hard-standing from the road to the proposed mast and cabins was to measure approximately 3.7 metres by 10.5 metres. It was noted that the applicant had provided a certificate of compliance with the ICNIRP guidelines.

Miss Fettes advised that the purpose of the proposal was to complete third generation mobile telecommunications coverage to the vicinity. It was explained that T-Mobile had permission for a similar proposal granted on 3 December 2001, however this had never been implemented.

Miss Fettes advised that one letter of objection had been submitted from Ovington Parish Council, stating that the structure was visually intrusive as it would be visible from Ladycroft situated approximately 240 metres to the north-west. The Highway engineer had no objection to the proposals.

Further to questions from the Sub-Committee, Mr McKay demonstrated the positioning of the proposals and he explained investigations regarding alternative siting. He clarified why his clients believed that this site was the best in terms of providing the required coverage and the least intrusion on the landscape and impact on trees.

At the invitation of the Chairman, a local resident addressed the Sub Committee. He was opposed to the positioning of the proposals due to his concern of health risks associated with the third generation telecommunications technology and also the visual intrusion of the structure. He suggested alternative siting to the south west of this site.

In their consideration of the application, Members noted the proposed positioning of the cabinets to the left and right of the mast. It was considered that it would be appropriate for the cabinets to be positioned behind the mast, as they would then appear less prominent when viewed from the highway.

On balance, the majority of Members agreed to approve the application, as it was the least visually intrusive option for siting to gain the required coverage. The Sub-Committee also agreed that the applicant be requested to paint the mast a suitable green colour to match the existing street furniture in the vicinity. In addition, the cabins should be painted a darker green to blend in with the foliage to the rear of the verge. Furthermore, it was requested that the applicant liaise with the Director of Development Services regarding the possible siting of the cabins to the rear of the mast structure and if deemed necessary this be considered in conjunction with the Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED:

1. That prior approval of the details of the siting and appearance be given.
2. That the applicant be requested to paint the mast and cabins an appropriate green colour in consultation with the Director of Development Services.
3. That the applicant liaise with the Director of Development Services regarding the possible siting of the cabins to the rear of the mast structure and if deemed necessary, this be considered in conjunction with the Chairman of the Planning Development Control (Telecommunications) Sub Committee.

The meeting commenced at 9.30am and concluded at 10.20am.

Chairman