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# PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (TELECOMMUNICATIONS) SUB-COMMITTEE

# 12 January 2004

Attendance:

Councillors:

Bennetts (Chairman) (P)

Busher (P)

Baxter (P)

Johnston (P)

Pearson (P)

Read (P)

Sutton (P)

# Others in attendance:

Councillor Coates (Ward Member for Droxford, Soberton & Hambledon) for item 1 Councillor Verney (Ward Member for Cheriton & Bishops Sutton) for item 2

## Officers in attendance:

Miss A Fettes (Senior Planner)

# 1. <u>TEMPORARY GSM 25M LATTICE INSTALLATION TOWER WITH ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT, FOR AIRWAVE MM02.</u> REFERENCE - W15126/03

The Sub-Committee met at the application site at Land off Rushmere Lane, Denmead.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr Webber and Mrs Hull (who represented Denmead Parish Council), Mrs Coates (representing Hambledon Parish Council) and local residents, Mr Keeling and Mr Crossley.

Miss Fettes explained that the application was for a 23.7m temporary lattice structure, with 3 antennae and 1 600mm dish. An equipment compound would also be required. She continued that the recommendation was to grant temporary permission, to expire in six months.

Miss Fettes advised the Sub Committee that the Parish Council had no objections to the application for a temporary mast only.

In answer to questions from members of the public, the Chairman explained that if granted, the Officers would ensure that the site was cleared when the permission time ended. He also advised that the six month time limit would commence from the date of this meeting.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr Crossley addressed the Sub Committee and advised that in his opinion the applicants had not completed requested landscaping and camouflaged painting in the past.

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Councillor Coates addressed the Sub Committee and explained that Hambledon Parish Council had not objected to an application in April for the extension and painting of a mast at the same site. However, this application was for a mast further into the field and unpainted. He was concerned about a possible future application for a permanent mast at the same site, and would prefer to see it set further within the trees.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Parish Councillor Hull addressed the Sub Committee. She was concerned about the effects of tetra radiation on local people. She explained that tetra radiation was pulsed which has more effects than straight line radiation.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr Keeling addressed the Sub Committee and supported an objection due to the aesthetic view. He continued that he lived within 150 yards of the mast, but had received no notification of tetra pulses from the mast owners.

The Sub Committee supported the officers' recommendation.

### RESOLVED:

That temporary planning permission be granted for a period of six months with effect from the date of this meeting, with permission expiring on 12 June 2004.

# 2. PROPOSAL - INSTALLATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT COMPRISING 22M HIGH POLE TO SUPPORT 3 NO. ANTENNAE AND 1 NO 600MM TRANSMISSION DISH, ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT CABIN AND GENERATOR IN FENCED COMPOUND, FOR AIRWAVE MM02. REFERENCE - W18064/01

The Sub-Committee met at the application site at Land at Lane End Down, Longwood, Owslebury (in the Parish of Cheriton).

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr Olliver and Mr Moore, the applicants, Mr North, Mrs Scott and Mrs Kettle (representing Cheriton Parish Council), and several local residents.

Miss Fettes explained that a full planning application had been received from Airwave MM02 to erect a 20 metre high pole with 3 antennae and 1 600mm transmission dish. An equipment cabin was proposed next to the existing cabin.

Miss Fettes continued that no objection had been received from Cheriton Parish Council. The AONB had responded verbally that it wished to make a holding objection, and therefore, the officers' recommendation was that the application be refused.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the applicant, Mr Oliver addressed the Sub Committee. He explained that a site was required in the area. He also explained that the dish currently on the mast was 30mm, but that a dish of 60mm was required. Responding to questions from Members, Mr Oliver advised that mast-sharing had been explored but due to the different types of masts this was not possible. He also

explained that the proposed permanent cabinette would be smaller than the temporary cabin currently in use.

Councillor Verney addressed the Sub Committee and explained that he had worked with the applicants looking at other possible sites and had concluded that this site was the best available. He believed that a mast was required in this area.

At the invitation of the Chairman several members of the public addressed the Sub Committee and made the following points;

Mrs Scott advised that Cheriton Parish Council had not objected as it believed the mast to be lower. She continued that if the mast was painted to blend in with the surrounding trees she would not object.

Mr Techer-Jones objected to the application on health, AONB and road safety issues.

Mr Bowhill-Smith explained that he would not object to a mast within woodlands, but that he did not consider this site to be a woodland area, and that the mast would destroy the view.

Mr Lintoff advised that he would not object to the application if the painting of the mast in a sympathetic colour, and a maximum height of 15m, were made conditions of permission.

The Sub Committee took into consideration the views of the members of the public and agreed that the mast was prominent on the site and therefore agreed to the officers' recommendation.

## **RESOLVED:**

That planning permission be refused for the following reasons:

The proposal is contrary to policies E7, C1, C2, TC1 of the Hampshire County Structure Plan, proposals FS4, EN5, EN7, C1, C2, C7 of the Winchester District Local Plan and proposals DP3, DP17, C1 and C7 of the Winchester District Local Plan review and revised Deposit in that it would:

a) by reason of its height and configuration, be a prominent and visually intrusive feature in the proposed South Downs National Park and the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The meeting commenced at 9.30am and concluded at 12.15pm.

Chairman