

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (TELECOMMUNICATIONS) SUB-COMMITTEE**21 June 2004**Attendance:

Councillors:

Bennetts (Chairman) (P)

Busher (P)
Pearson (P)

Read (P)

Officers in attendance:

Miss E Norgate (Senior Planner)

1. **TEMPORARY INSTALLATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
COMPRISING 22 METRE HIGH POLE TO SUPPORT 3NO. ANTENNAE AND 1NO.
600MM TRANSMISSION DISH WITH ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT CABIN AND
GENERATOR IN FENCED COMPOUND (RETROSPECTIVE) - AIRWAVE MM02
LTD, REF.04/01141/FUL**

The Sub-Committee met at Raglington Farm located off the A334 Botley Road, Shedfield. The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr Holt from LCC Limited on behalf of the applicant, Airwave MM02 Limited. There were no members of the public or parish representatives present. A Ward Member had made written representation and was also not present

Miss Norgate explained that the Sub Committee had been asked to consider a retrospective full planning application from Airwave MM02 Limited for further temporary consent for telecommunications equipment comprising a 22 metre high pole to support 3 antennae and one 600mm transmission dish with associated equipment cabin and generator within a fenced compound.

Miss Norgate reminded Members that the Sub-Committee had previously granted permission for the temporary installation on 16 December 2003 for a period expiring 31 March 2004. Members noted that that this had also been a retrospective application as the equipment had been erected without planning permission and had been subject to enforcement action. The equipment had not been removed at the expiry date of 31 March 2004 and so had been once again subject to enforcement action.

Miss Norgate advised that neither the Council's Highway Engineer nor Landscape Officer had objected to the proposals. Shedfield Parish Council and a nearby resident had objected to the proposals, expressing concern of considering retrospective planning applications as well as the proliferation of masts in the area.

Miss Norgate reminded Members that as the closing date for representation on the proposals was not due to expire until 22 June 2004, any further representations received would be reported to the meeting of the Planning Development Control Committee on 28 June 2004. Consequently the Sub-Committee would be recommending its decision to the Planning Development Control Committee rather than exercising its delegated authority.

The Chairman summarised a letter circulated to the Sub-Committee from Councillor Goodall, a Ward Member for Shedfield. Councillor Goodall suggested that a precautionary approach should be taken to granting permission for masts due to possible health risks. Members noted that the applicant had provided ICNIRP certification of compliance with current radiological emissions codes.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr Holt advised Members of the reasons for his client's request for the application. Mr Holt stated that technical problems (including incorrect fabrication of steel for the equipment and collapse of the cable conduit for the land-line link) had delayed the operational status of the adjacent permanent structure, which would replace the temporary mast. However, his client was satisfied that the required works would be completed and the temporary structure removed by 31 July 2004.

The Chairman reported that, as before, the consideration of retrospective applications was inappropriate. However, the Sub-Committee in determining this application wished to be satisfied that the period requested by the applicant would be adequate for the necessary works to be completed. Mr Holt indicated that his clients had advised that it would not be necessary for any longer timescale.

In conclusion, the Sub-Committee supported the application and agreed that an informative be added to state that no further applications would be considered at this site. The Sub-Committee additionally requested that the site be cleared and restored and that an enforcement officer be requested to inspect the site on the day of expiry of the temporary permission.

RECOMMENDED:

That the permission hereby granted shall be for a limited permission expiring on 31 July 2004 on or before which date the use hereby permitted shall be discontinued and the equipment brought onto the site shall be removed and the land restored to its former condition in accordance with a scheme of work submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: The development is of a type not considered suitable for permanent retention.

Informatives:

1. This permission is granted for the following reasons:

The development is in accordance with the Policies and Proposals of the Development Plan set out below, and other materials considerations do not have sufficient weight to justify a refusal of the application. in accordance with Section 54A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), planning permission should therefore be granted.

2. The Local Planning Authority has taken account of the following development plan policies and proposals:

Hampshire County Structure Plan Review: C1, TC1
Winchester District Local Plan Proposals: FS4, C1, C2, EN5
Emerging Development Plan- WDLP Review Deposit and
Revised Deposit: C1, DP3, DP17

3. The applicant is advised that the Local Planning Authority is unlikely to grant any further temporary planning applications for the retention of the temporary telecommunications equipment and therefore following the expiration of this planning permission the mast and associated equipment should be removed in accordance with condition 1.

2. **VOTE OF THANKS**

As this was the final meeting of the Telecommunications Sub Committee before the new Municipal Year, the Sub-Committee thanked the Chairman for his guidance and the officers for their hard work and support during the past Municipal Year.

The meeting commenced at 9.30am and concluded at 10.05am

Chairman