

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (TELECOMMUNICATIONS) SUB-COMMITTEE**8 July 2005****Attendance:****Councillors:****Bennetts (Chairman) (P)****Davies (P)
Johnston (P)
Pearson (P)****Read (P)
Sutton(P)****Officers in attendance:****Miss E Norgate (Principal Planning Officer)**

1. INSTALLATION OF 15 METRE TELECOMMUNICATION MONOPOLE WITH THREE ANTENNAE, RADIO EQUIPMENT HOUSING AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT – OPPOSITE ENTRANCE TO SOUTH WINCHESTER GOLF CLUB, ROMSEY ROAD, PITT, NEAR WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE

The Sub-Committee met at the application site at land on the verge of the A3090 opposite to the entrance to South Winchester Golf Club, Romsey Road, Pitt, near Winchester.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Ms Marsden from AWA Telecommunications on behalf of the applicant Hutchinson 3G (UK). Also present was Mr Stickland from Hursley Parish Council.

A demonstration mast raised to the height of 15 metres was observed from the road verge and from the entrance to South Winchester Golf Club located opposite.

Miss Norgate explained that a prior notification application had been received from Hutchinson 3G (UK) for the erection of a 15 metre high telecommunications tower with associated equipment. This was to be the total height, including both antennae.

Following questions, she confirmed that an area of 'grasscrete' was to be set out measuring 2.2 metres x 7.8 metres so as to allow access to the proposals. There were to be 3 cabinets, the highest being 1.49 metres. There was to be no boundary treatment.

Miss Norgate reported that the application was in accordance with national and local planning policies and that the applicant had submitted certification of ICNIRP compliance. In drawing Members' attention to the representations made regarding the proposals as set out in the report, Miss Norgate advised that the Council's Landscape Architect had now commented on the application. It was considered that the proposals would be visually intrusive in what was an Area of Special Landscape Quality (ASLQ) and therefore recommended refusal of the application.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms Marsden addressed the Sub-Committee. Responding to questions, she detailed alternative sites considered and why these

had been rejected and explained that the mast was required to be 15 metres high due to the elevation of the area.

With the permission of the Chairman, Mr Stickland (representing Hursley Parish Council) addressed the Sub-Committee. He reiterated the Parish Council's opposition to the application on the grounds of its prominence and that the sharing of masts elsewhere in the vicinity should be undertaken.

In determining the application, Members acknowledged the comments of the landscape architect. However, after taking into account the positioning of the structure within the context of nearby power-lines and the filling station, on balance the majority of Members agreed to support the application. In making its decision, the Sub-Committee took into consideration that it would be preferable for a single mast to be located on the road side than on potentially more intrusive sites elsewhere within the vicinity, although the Sub-Committee did not wish the granting of planning permission to set a precedent for such a sensitive area. It was agreed that negotiations regarding the colouring of the mast be delegated to the Director of Development in consultation with the Chairman.

RESOLVED:

That subject to authority being delegated to the Director of Development in consultation with the Chairman to determine the colouring of the mast, no objection be raised to the siting and appearance of the tower and ancillary equipment.

The meeting commenced at 9.30am and concluded at 10.15am.

Chairman