

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (TELECOMMUNICATIONS) SUB-COMMITTEE**31 July 2006**Attendance:

Councillors:

Read (Chairman) (P)

Bennetts (P)

Busher (P)

Jefferies (P)

Johnston (P)

Wood (P)

Officer in attendance:

Mr T Patchell (Planning Officer)

1. **REMOVAL OF 3 NO. 0.3 METRE EXISTING DISHES AND INSTALLATION OF 5 NO. 0.3 METRE AND 1 NO. 0.6 METRE TRANSMISSION DISHES, RADIO EQUIPMENT AND ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT – WATER TOWER, CHRISTMAS HILL, SOUTH WONSTON**

(Report PDC634 refers)

The Sub-Committee met at the application site. There were no members of the public or representatives of the Parish Council or local amenity groups present at the meeting.

Mr Patchell explained that a full planning application had been received from Vodafone UK Ltd for the removal of 3 no. 0.3 metre existing dishes and the installation of 5 no. 0.3 metre existing dishes and 1 no. 0.6 metre transmission dishes, radio equipment and ancillary development.

The Water Tower was located on top of a bank to the immediate west side of the A34, near to the Worthy Down Army Base outside South Wonston. The Tower was visible to vehicular traffic on the A34 from considerable distances and from the public Right of Way which ran alongside the Tower. However, as the Tower already supported a large number of telecommunications equipment, Mr Patchell suggested that the proposal would not significantly increase the visual impact of the Tower.

The Sub-Committee noted that the nearest property was some distance away on the other side of Christmas Hill and that no representations had been received in response to the Council's consultations. In answering a Member's question, Mr Patchell confirmed that the application was ICNIRP compliant and that the cumulative effect of the existing equipment had been taken into account.

As such, Mr Patchell recommended that the application be approved, subject to conditions. These were that the permission should be implemented within three years from the date it was granted; that if in future the equipment becomes redundant, it should be removed; and that samples of the external surfaces of the equipment be submitted for approval by the Director of Development.

During debate, Mr Patchell confirmed that South Wonston Parish Council had been informed about the application but following a three-week period, no response had been received.

In conclusion, the Sub-Committee agreed to permit the application as set out.

RESOLVED:

That the application be approved, subject to:

01 The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

01 Reason: To comply with the provisions of Section 91 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

02 In the event that the development hereby approved becomes redundant or otherwise not required for the purpose permitted, the mast and all associated equipment and enclosures shall be dismantled and permanently removed from the site, which shall be restored to its former condition.

02 Reason: In the interests of visual amenity.

03 No development shall take place until details and samples of the colour to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the transmission dishes hereby permitted have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

03 Reason: To ensure that the development presents a satisfactory appearance in the interests of the amenities of the area.

Informatives

01. 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 material considerations do not have sufficient weight to justify a refusal of the application. In accordance with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, planning permission should therefore be granted.

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

Hampshire County Structure Plan Review: UB3 and TC1
Winchester District Local Plan Review Proposals: DP.3 and DP.14

The meeting commenced at 9.30am and concluded at 9.45am

Chairman