

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (TELECOMMUNICATIONS) SUB-COMMITTEE**5 December 2003**Attendance:

Councillors:

Bennetts (Chairman) (P)

Baxter (P)
Busher (P)
Davies (P)Pearson (P)
Read (P)Officers in attendance:

Miss A Fettes (Principal Planning Officer)

1. **ERECTION OF ONE 15 METRE SLIMLINE MONOPOLE WITH 3 ANTENNAE AND 2 DISHES, EQUIPMENT CABINS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT LAND ADJACENT TO EXISTING CROWN CASTLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST AT WESTERN COURT FARM, BISHOPS SUTTON, ALRESFORD.**

The Sub Committee met approximately 400 metres from the application site at Appledown Lane opposite Tichborne Down.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mrs Millar representing Bishops Sutton Parish Council and Mr James representing the applicant '3' together with one member of the public.

Miss Fettes explained that a prior approval application had been submitted by "3" for a 15 metre slimline monopole mast and associated equipment between two existing masts. The total height of the proposed structure, to include three antennae and two dishes, would be approximately 15.85 metres high. Equipment cabins and ancillary works were to be secured by a 1.8 metre chain-link fence. Certification had been received that confirmed that the communicative effect of all three masts were within the safety limits of the ICNIRP emissions guidelines. Miss Fettes also reminded Members that a previous application in November 2002 to extend an existing mast on the site to 23 metres for "3" and Airwave MM02 had been refused due to excessive height and visual intrusion.

In answer to questions, Mr James explained that the applicant had investigated alternative sites, but found all to be technically unsuitable for the coverage required.

Members noted that one objection had been received from Bishops Sutton Parish Council commenting on the proliferation of masts within the site. Miss Fettes reported that Sunhill Infant School was approximately 450 metres away from the site and that the School Governors had made no representation regarding the proposals.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mrs Millar, explained that the Parish Council had been concerned about the health risks associated with the proliferation of masts in the area, although it recognised that health risks were not currently a material planning consideration.

In conclusion, Members agreed to approve the prior approval application, as it was unlikely to have further impact on the visual amenity of the area, despite the proliferation of masts on the site. Members requested that the applicant be requested to ensure that the structure was painted in a suitable colour and that the applicants offer to carry out additional tree planting be implemented.

RESOLVED:

1. That prior approval of the details of the siting and appearance regarding the above application be given.
2. That the Director of Development Services negotiates with the applicant the painting of the mast and equipment in an appropriate colour.
3. That the applicant be requested to implement tree planting in consultation with the Council's Landscape Officer.

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

Chairman