

Our ref: CTIL108282_VF19504_TEF69822

The Chief Planning Officer
Planning Department
Oxford City Council
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13th November 2020

Dear Sir or Madam

PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT CTIL108282_VF19504 WINDRUSH TOWER, KNIGHTS ROAD, BLACKBIRD LEYS, OXFORD, OX4 6HX

Vodafone Limited has entered into an agreement with Telefónica UK Limited pursuant to which the two companies plan to jointly operate and manage a single network grid across the UK. These arrangements will be overseen by Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (Cornerstone) which is a joint venture company owned by Telefónica UK Limited and Vodafone Limited.

This agreement allows both organisations to:

- pool their basic network infrastructure, while running two, independent, nationwide networks
 - maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
 - significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development
- Cornerstone and

Cornerstone and Vodafone are in the process of progressing a suitable site in the Oxford area for a radio base station. We aim to work with you to progress a proposal that is both acceptable to your authority and meets Vodafone's technical network requirements. This approach accords with Vodafone's Best Practice Commitments to ensure consultation with Local Planning Authorities and other appropriate key stakeholders.

As part of Vodafone's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a radio base station at this location to provide enhanced 4G and new 5G coverage in the area.

Mobiles can only work with a network of base stations in place where people want to use their mobile phones or other wireless devices. Without base stations, the mobile phones and other devices we rely on simply won't work.

This letter therefore invites the Local Planning Authority, in accordance with planning policy guidance and Best Practice Commitments, to enter into pre-application discussions with regard to our preferred site option prior to a formal planning submission. Several steps in the site

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identification process have already been undertaken. The Local Planning Authority must register and our records of other potential sites have been reviewed, the policies in the Development Plan have been taken into account and we have examined the inter-operator site sharing database.

Our technical network requirement is as follows:

- **CTIL108282_VF19504 WINDRUSH TOWER**
- Installation of 6No. new Vodafone antennas;
- Installation of ancillary equipment;
- Installation of Vodafone Equipment Cabinets within Telefonica equipment room.

Alternative site options considered and rejected are as follows:

- ***This is an existing telecommunication site and therefore no alternatives have been considered***

We look forward to receiving your comments on the preferred option identified above and alternatives discounted. We would also like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to meet with you to discuss the proposal and undertake a tour of the options considered, should you consider this to be beneficial.

All Vodafone installations are designed to be fully compliant with the public exposure guidelines established by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). These guidelines have the support of UK Government, the European Union and they also have the formal backing of the World Health Organisation. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance will be included within the planning submission.


We would be grateful if you could advise us of any pending telecommunications applications or recent planning decisions in this particular area so these can be evaluated.

Finally, we would be interested in any local stakeholders or groups that you consider would like to know more about our proposals.


We enclose a copy of our Consultation Plan and welcome your suggestions.

We look forward to receiving your response within 14 days of the date of this letter.

Yours faithfully



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(for and on behalf of Cornerstone and Vodafone Ltd)

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