

Our Ref: CTIL108282_VF19504_TEF69822

Councillors Dr Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini & Sian Taylor
Northfield Brook Ward

By email

13th November 2020

Dear Councillor's

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.

Please find below the details of the proposed site and the alternative site options considered and discounted in our site selection process: -

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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.

We have not considered any alternative site options or discounted options as follows:

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

The Local Planning Authority mast register, where available, and our records of other potential sites have already been reviewed, the policies in the Development Plan have been taken into account and the planning history of the site has been examined.

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.

In order to give you time to send your comments or request further information, we commit to allow at least 14 days before an application is submitted to the Local Planning Authority. This 14 day period starts from the date at the top of this letter.

We would also be grateful if you could please advise of any local stakeholders or groups that might like to make comments.

We look forward to receiving any comments you may have on the proposal.

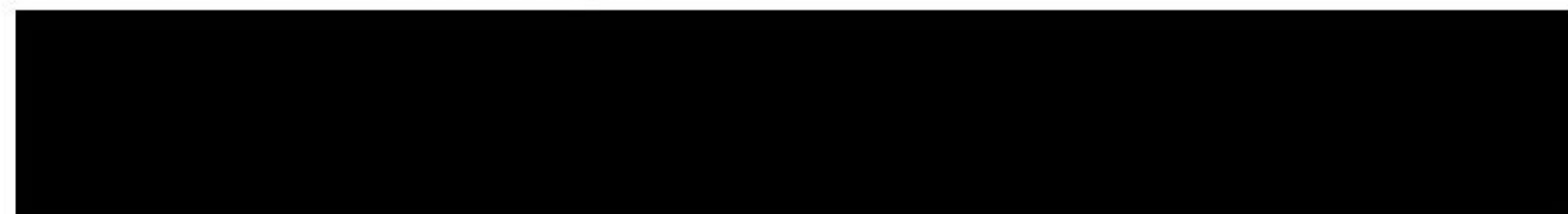
Yours faithfully,



Martin Allwork

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(for and on behalf of Cornerstone and Vodafone Ltd)

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