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Via: Planning Portal

Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSED BASE STATION AT STATIONS YARD, BOWES HILL, ROWLANDS CASTLE

Please find included an application for prior approval, on behalf of EE (UK) Ltd. for a 15m monopole with 2 antennas, 2 dish antennas, 2 equipment cabinets and associated works and associated equipment at the above location. (redesign and second submission, previous refusal 23468/028)

As part of EE (UK) Ltd.'s continued network improvement program they wish to provide coverage and capacity to the immediate area with a specific requirement to cover the railway line, incorporating not only 3G but also 4G technology. Section 5 of the NPPF sets out the Government's general overview regarding supporting high quality communications infrastructure, recognising that advanced, high quality communications infrastructure is essential for sustainable economic growth.

Base stations use radio signals to connect mobile devices and phones to the network, enabling people to send and receive; calls, texts, emails, pictures, web, TV and downloads. Without base stations, mobiles devices and phones will not work.

Many other everyday items also use radio signals to send and receive information, such as television and radio broadcasting equipment and two-way radio communications. Base stations are connected to each other and telephone exchange buildings by cables or wireless technology such as microwave dishes, to create the network. The area each base station covers is called a "cell". Each cell overlaps with its neighbouring cells to create a continuous network. The size and shape of each cell is determined by the features of the surrounding area, such as buildings, trees and hills which can block signals. When people travel between cells, the signal is transferred between base stations without a break in service. Each base station covers a certain area only and can only handle a limited number of calls at once. As mobile phones and devices become more popular, more base stations are needed to ensure continuous coverage.

This application follows pre-application consultation dated 15th November 2020 and the refusal of prior approval for the a 17.5m proposal under reference 23468/026, 08/02/21, It is now proposed to install a new 15m mast with 3antennas and 2 dishes, 2 equipment cabinets and associated works

It is imperative that support is given to the introduction of 4G technology as this will allow networks to be able to handle more data and connect more devices simultaneously at much faster speeds than is possible using the existing technology. This will enable places to remain competitive in and will support the Government's ambition for the UK to become a world leader in mobile technologies.

In support of the application the following information is enclosed: -

Planning Application form and relevant certificates





- Planning drawings,
- Supplementary Information Template
- ICNIRP

In selecting the site, the applicant has had regard to national and local planning policies, the site context, potential alternative solutions, visual impact, health and safety considerations as well as operational need. It is considered that the application site and the proposed form of development provide the optimum solution in this instance.

Should you have any queries in respect of the information submitted or indeed require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, I await you earliest positive response.

Yours Faithfully,

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For and on behalf of EE (UK) Limited

