

Our Ref: BEX16555

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Dear Sir or Madam

**HUTCHISON 3G UK LTD:
GPDO APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED 5G (FIFTH GENERATION) EQUIPMENT AT:**

BEX16555 – Site located on existing grass verge, off Woolwich Road, Belvedere, Bexley, Greater London, DA17 5EE.

On behalf of our client GBC ('client') who are working on behalf of Hutchison 3G UK Limited ('H3G') in respect of the rollout of telecommunications apparatus associated with 5G, Dot Surveying Ltd ('agent') has been instructed to prepare and submit this application for a determination as to whether the Prior Approval of the authority will be required as to the siting and appearance of the development.

This application is submitted under Part 16 of Schedule 2 (Communications) of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as amended by The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (No.2) Order 2016, and in accordance with the electronic communications code under the Telecommunications Act 1984 Schedule 2 as amended by the Communications Act 2003.

The Government has made significant reforms to the planning system to support increased mobile connectivity. In 2016 The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (No.2) Order 2016 amended planning regulations, which extended permitted development rights to enable ground based mobile telecommunications masts without the need for a full planning application.

The Government recognises that the widespread coverage of mobile connectivity is essential for people and businesses. As well as improved mobile signal, 5G networks are also crucial to drive productivity and growth. Enabling and planning for 5G implementation is central to achieving the Government's objective to deliver prosperity at the local level and enable places to share in the proceeds of growth. The significant impact of the coronavirus pandemic demonstrates the urgent need for excellent mobile connectivity to allow people to work and learn from home.

Further, The National Planning Policy Framework chapter 10 states that local planning authorities:

“should support the expansion of electronic communications networks, including next generation mobile technology (such as 5G) and full fibre broadband connections.”

Hutchison therefore benefits from permitted development rights for this development as set out under the above order. H3G are required to apply to the local planning authority for a determination as to whether the prior approval of the authority will be required to the siting and appearance of the development set out below;

Proposed telecommunications installation: Proposed Phase 8 ‘Slim line’ Street Pole C/W wrapround Cabinet at base and 3no additional equipment cabinets and associated ancillary works.

The location has been identified following a review of possible alternative locations and selected as being the most suitable for H3G’s business development, meeting its specific technical and operational requirements. The identification of this location follows pre-application consultation with your Department and we now make a formal application to you as the planning authority.

In order to allow the Council to assess the proposal please find enclosed the associated application package comprising: -

- Planning Drawings Ref: BEX16555_PLANNING_REV_B.
- Site Specific Supplementary Information and Supporting Justification Statement which contains the following: -
 - ICNIRP Certificate.
 - Developers Notice
 - BACS payment of £ 462.00 (plus Planning Portal Fee).

We trust this information and drawings are acceptable and look forward to discussing the merits of this proposal with you soon.

In the meantime, should you require any additional information or have any queries relating to this application, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Hannah Gibson, preferably by email to h.gibson@dotsurveying.co.uk or telephone 07428 015034.

Yours faithfully



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