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Dear Sir,

PROPOSED BASE STATION UPGRADE AT CTIL_11758927_TF_070019_VF_19302_0, MANOR STREET, HULL, EAST YORKSHIRE, HU1 1XH (E509948 N428784)

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 Vodafone are in the process of progressing a suitable site in the Manor Street area and have identified this site for an equipment upgrade. 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 an upgrade at this location to provide upgraded 2G/3G/4G services as well as new 5G services for both Vodafone and Telefonica 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 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:

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The site is needed to provide upgraded 2G/3G/4G coverage and capacity for Vodafone as well as new 5G services for both Vodafone and Telefonica to ensure that their customers experience access to the latest service provision currently available.

The preferred Vodafone option is as follows:

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The proposed upgrade of an existing base station comprising the proposed removal of 6 no antennas and the installation of 12 no antennas, 3 no dishes with ancillary development thereto.

The operators are proposing to upgrade their existing installation to ensure the latest high quality, reliable, secure communications technology is able to be provided from this location. The amendments to the existing scheme are essential in order that customers' handheld devices continue to operate for the purposes in which they have become accustomed, accessible wherever they are whether that be indoors or outside.

As this is an existing installation and the amendments are relatively minor in nature, this is sequentially the most preferable site for the operators to upgrade their existing service provision to this cell area. As such, no other options have been considered.

As the proposed works relate to an upgrade of the existing base station, in line with the Code of Best Practice, no other site options 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.



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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Perry', is enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

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(for and on behalf of Cornerstone and Vodafone Limited)