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### St Andrew's and Docklands Councillors:

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**Dear Councillors** 

### 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 Telefonica 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 identifying a suitable site in the Manor Street area and have identified this site as suitable for an equipment upgrade. The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before any planning submission is made. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, Cornerstone and Vodafone are committed to consultation with communities on our mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

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.

Please find below the details of the proposed site

Our technical network requirement is as follows:

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The site is needed to provide upgraded 2G/3G/4G services 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.

Our preferred 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.

The Local Planning Authority mast register 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-lonizing 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.

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Yours faithfully

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