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To whom it may concern,

PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT 97195 – GREENSIDE FORESTRY, FALSTONE, NORTHUMBERLAND, NE48 1HR

Cornerstone is the UK's leading mobile infrastructure services company. We acquire, manage and own over 20,000 sites and are committed to enabling best in class mobile connectivity for over half of all the country's mobile customers. We oversee works on behalf of telecommunications providers and wherever possible aim to:

- promote shared infrastructure
- maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development

The proposal is part of the Government backed scheme called Shared Rural Network (SRN). It is a collaboration between Mobile Network Operators (MNO's) (Telefonica, Vodafone and Three) and the Government to improve 4G coverage for people living, working and travelling in poorly served rural areas.

The network will ensure geographic coverage from at least one operator to 95% of the UK by 2025, broadening consumer choice for a fast mobile broadband service in rural areas. 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.


There are many rural areas in the UK which are partial not spots. That is, there is only coverage with one mobile Network Operator. An installation in this location will ensure that 4G coverage can be provided by at least one of the three MNOs – Three, Telefonica and Vodafone. Thus this is shared infrastructure which is in full accordance with national planning policy. It will improve service whilst limiting the environmental impact through reduced proliferation and a minimised number of sites.

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The SRN will deliver reliable 4G mobile connectivity allowing rural business to prosper and rural communities to thrive. This is even more significant in the post COVID economic recovery. High quality coverage promotes inward investment, creating jobs to assist in retaining skilled young people in rural areas.

Better connectivity has real, tangible benefits for people and businesses, such as booking GP appointments online, using apps to communicate with friends and family, boosting tourism and agriculture through platforms such as social media which is now an important marketing tool for businesses and access to emergency services etc. 4G can provide a means to connect to superfast broadband where fibre broadband is not yet available.

The proposed scheme, which we feel is the most suitable solution to serve our customers in the local community will be positioned at: Greenside Forestry, Falstone, Northumberland, NE48 1HR – E: 364515, N: 587380. The scheme will comprise of a 25m high lattice tower, positioned upon elevated ground within an established woodland. The scheme will also comprise of a new access track.

We would welcome your views (within 14 days of the date of this letter) before we finalize the proposal and submit the planning application to Northumberland County Council.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me (quoting cell number CS ID 30609200 / TEF 97195).

Yours faithfully,



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(For and on behalf of Cornerstone)

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