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HASLINGDEN FIRE STATION

New Training Tower and Alerter Mast

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED ALERTER MAST

The purpose of the proposed Alerter Mast is to provide an independent mounting structure onto which the necessary communications equipment (aerial) can be mounted so as to provide a means of communication to summon retained fire fighters to the Fire Station, in the event of an emergency call out.

The proposal is to provide a new Alerter Mast, on the existing Fire Station site. The proposed Alerter Mast will allow the existing alerter equipment (aerial), which is currently mounted on the existing Training Tower, to be transferred to the new mast. No additional / new communications equipment is proposed over and above the existing equipment which is currently provided for, on the site.

Historically, Training Towers were indeed utilised as a mounting structure for communications equipment. However, a recent study has found that having such equipment affixed to the Training Tower restricts the use of the tower for its intended purpose ie; training. The equipment is also prone to damage resultant from the training activities which take place. Thus, the Fire Service are seeking to relocate their communications equipment from the Training Towers onto independent masts, hence the application for a new Alerter Mast. The proposed mast is simply a mounting structure for the communications equipment ie. aerial.

The proposed mast is for the exclusive use of the Fire Service for internal communication purposes only. No third party telecommunications equipment eg: GSM equipment, is proposed.