

Our ref: 25191

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Dear Sir/Madam,

PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION FOR A MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION UPGRADE AT 25191, LAND AT THE BOUNDARY HOUSE PUBLIC HOUSE, 69 OXFORD ROAD, ABINGDON, OXFORDSHIRE, OX14 2AQ (NGR: E450369, N198415)

As part of EE/H3G's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for an upgrade to the existing telecommunication facility at The Boundary House Public House, Abingdon, to ensure that the latest high-quality services are provided in this area. This ensures that coverage and capacity requirements are improved.

This letter therefore invites the Town Council, in accordance with planning policy guidance and Best Practice Commitments, to enter 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 mast 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.

Mobile telecoms networks are now ubiquitous throughout the UK. It is an expectation that an individual can connect and use their mobile phone whenever and wherever they so require. With the advent of technology, under the banner of 5G, further advances are proposed, and central government has seen the telecoms industry, and in particular 5G, to be at the forefront of economic development.

An upgraded base station site is required in this location in order to maintain existing network coverage and capacity, as well as catering for added multiple technologies, most notably 4G together with new 5G service provision.

The upgraded base station will also meet the extra demands on the network in this area as more people use internet enabled handheld devices.

The preferred EE/H3G option is as follows:

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The proposal relates to the upgrade of an existing telecommunications base station installation, comprising the removal of the existing 15m monopole and replacement with a relocated 20m monopole supporting 9 no. antennas with wraparound cabinet at base, the installation of 2 no. additional equipment cabinets, and ancillary development thereto.

The proposal for this EE/H3G site has been designed within International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) public exposure guidelines. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance can be provided if requested.

Finally, we would be interested in any local stakeholders or groups that you consider would like to know more about our proposals and look forward to receiving your comments on the preferred option identified above.

We look forward to receiving your response within 14 days of the date of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'RGormley' in a cursive script.

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For and on behalf of MBNL (EE UK Ltd and H3G UK Ltd)

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