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Planning, Regeneration and Wellbeing

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Our reference:	AWDM/0330/12
Please ask for:	Carlos Hone
Direct Line:	01903 221352
Date:	27th March 2012

Dear Sir/Madam

Application for prior notification by telecomunications code systems operator for the installation of dark green cabinet on pavement adjacent to Southwick Community Centre

Street Record Southwick Street Southwick West Sussex

The Council has received an application for prior notification/approval for the design and siting of telecommunications equipment, as described above, which relates to a site near you. If you do not own the property you occupy, would you please ensure that the owner is made aware of this letter. Although planning permission is not required for the development, telecommunications operators are required to give the Council 56 days to determine if the design and siting of the proposed mast and/or equipment is considered acceptable.

The application will normally be available to view on the Council's website within 3 days of the date of this letter, by following the link to 'Planning' on the Council website's Homepage. The plans can also be viewed electronically or in paper form at the Help Point, Civic Centre, Ham Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, between 8.30am and 5.30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am and 5.00pm on Fridays. Please note that there are no planning officers located at the Civic Centre to answer queries about application plans. If you require assistance or information about the application please telephone the Case Officer on the Direct Line number above.

If you wish to comment on the proposal, you should do so either online via Public Access or in writing, quoting the reference number above, to the Development Management section at the above address within 21 days of the date of this letter.

All correspondence received regarding planning applications will be held on the planning files and will be available for public inspection in person at the Council offices and on the Council's website. For this reason, letters marked 'confidential' cannot be considered. Letters will not be formally acknowledged. Once made, the decision on the application can be obtained by visiting the Public Access web page or by contacting the Development Management section at the address at the top of this letter.

From past experience, a number of representations received in respect of telecommunications proposals refer to health considerations. However, Planning Policy Guidance Note 8 (Telecommunications), issued by the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions, states that:

"It is the Government's firm view that the planning system is not the place for determining health safeguards. It remains Central Government's responsibility to decide what measures are necessary to protect public health. In the Government's view, if a proposed mobile phone base station meets the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection Guidelines (ICNIRP) for public exposure it should not be necessary for a Local Planning Authority, in processing an application for planning permission or prior approval, to consider further the health aspects and concerns about them."

Yours faithfully



James Appleton
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