Development Management - Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: **Recommendation – Approve**
AWDM/1519/14

Site: **Junction of Upper Shoreham Road and Parkside (Opposite Eastern Avenue), Shoreham**

Proposal: **Prior Notification for a new 15.0m Hutchinson Elara Pole painted green with 3 no. shrouded antennas. Installation of 2 no. equipment cabinets painted green.**

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application details that Telefonica UK Ltd and Vodafone Ltd intend to install a new radio base station consisting of a 15 metre high slimline Hutchinson Elara Pole with 3 no. shrouded antennas and two separate equipment cabinets. The proposed telecommunications equipment would be located on the grassed verge adjacent to Upper Shoreham Road which comprises the West Sussex County Council land. The proposed Elara pole and equipment cabinets would be painted dark green and the cabinets would be 0.8m deep, by 1.9m in length and 1.6m high.

This Prior Notification has been submitted following the withdrawal of the previous Prior Notification AWDM/1110/14 in which it came to light that the telecommunications equipment was shown in the incorrect position on the Local Authority land. As amended plans were not able to be submitted on this type of application a new Prior Approval has been submitted and this now shows that the telecommunications equipment would be located further to the south on the County Council owned grassed verge adjacent to Upper Shoreham Road.

Consultations

West Sussex County Council:

The Highways Officer has raised no highway safety concerns with the proposal and has commented that

"West Sussex County Council was consulted previously on Highway Matters for a similar proposal at this location under planning application reference AWDM/1110/14 to which no objections were raised. This application was withdrawn by the applicant.

The latest plans demonstrate that the proposed telecommunication equipment is to be placed on land considered to be publically maintained highway. From inspection of my mapping information the equipment will not be positioned

within the visibility splay of the Upper Shoreham Road / Parkside junction. WSCC would not be minded to raise any highway safety objections regarding the location of the telecommunications equipment."

Representations

One letter of representation has been received by a neighbouring occupier who has commented that the proposed pole is an unwelcome intrusion and will cause maintenance vans to park on the verge.

Relevant Legislation

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 Part 24 Development by Telecommunications Code System Operators

Relevant Planning Policies

National Planning Policy Framework (CLG 2012)
Adur District Local Plan (saved policies): AG1, AB4, AH7.

Planning Assessment

Visual amenity

The proposed monopole and street cabinets would be located adjacent to two existing BT equipment cabinets which are painted dark green and a lamppost on the corner of Parkside and Upper Shoreham Road. The proposed equipment cabinets are to be painted a similar dark green colour and would remain in keeping with the green surroundings of Buckingham Park to the north and the tree lined road. The 15m high slimline monopole would be viewed in context of the similarly tall adjacent lamppost and is not therefore considered to have any detrimental impact to the visual amenities of the area.

Residential amenity

A supporting Health & Mobile Phone Base Station Statement and an ICNIRP certificate has been provided with this application which specifies that the equipment when operational will comply with the ICNIRP public exposure guidelines adopted by the EU Council. It is also noted that the relocation of the proposed telecommunication equipment has been moved further away from the neighbouring properties in Parkside.

Pedestrian accessibility

It is not considered that the siting or the size of the monopole and street cabinets would adversely affect the pedestrian footpath or result in highway safety issues.

Recommendation

The Council does not wish to exercise its right to prior approval in respect of the proposed development.

Informative

The Applicant is recommended to contact WSCC Highways (01243 642105) to obtain formal approval and the necessary license from the highway authority to place the items within the public highway.

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation? N

Case Officer: Rebecca Tier Date: 25th November 2014

Authorised by: Gary Peck Date: 27 November 2014