Development Management - Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: **Recommendation – Approve**
AWDM/1487/12

Site: **19 Brunswick Road fronting Western Road.**

Proposal: **Prior notification of proposed development by Telecommunications code system operators for the installation of dark green cabinet located S/O 19 (bank) Brunswick Road (fronting Western Road)**

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application details that BT Openreach an Electronic Communications Code Operator intends to install a new equipment street cabinet within the Shoreham Conservation Area. The cabinet would be 0.75m wide, by 0.37m deep, by 1.4m and would be located to the north of the boundary wall of No.19 Brunswick Road, fronting Western Road.

Consultations

West Sussex County Council: In highway terms, there would be no concerns with this proposal. The works do extend over the public highway, and as such traffic management may be required whilst the works are being undertaken. The Statutory Undertaker will also need to submit the necessary notification to the Highway Authority independently and any traffic management will also need to be agreed with the WSCC Coastal Area Office prior to works taking place. Suggests informative for license.

Representations

Third parties*:* No third party objections.

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 street cabinet to be erected is of standard design and would be finished in a dark green spray painted finish similar to other street boxes commonly found within the Borough. The box would sit atop a concrete plinth that would be 0.75m wide, by 0.37m deep, and would project above ground by 0.12m.

The siting of the cabinet would be a discreet location, avoiding the principal elevation of the bank, to the side of a low existing boundary wall. The proposed cabinet would project above the wall. However, the location is on a side street, away from the core of the conservation area and it is considered that it would have a detrimental impact on the overall appearance of the conservation area.

Pedestrian accessibility

It is not considered that the siting or the size of the street cabinet would adversely affect the pedestrian footpath, desire lines, or result in highway safety issues.

Recommendation

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

Informative

The applicant is advised to contact the Coastal Team, Community Development and Big Society, Communities and Infrastructure Directorate, Centenary House, Durrington Lane, Durrington, Worthing, West Sussex BN13 2QB to obtain a license for the works on the highway

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

Case Officer: Jo Sanderson Date: 22.01.13

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