

Planning Applications Committee: 31 May 2012

Updates to reports for consideration.

Application No: 12/00959/T

Installation of 1 no. 11.8m high street furniture type telecommunications tower, 1 no. equipment cabinet, 1 no. meter pillar and all ancillary development hereto

Consultation response:

Highways

- Positioning of the mast and unit will make grass cutting practically impossible.
- Suggest the equipment is located on the tarmaced area of the junction of Douglas Haig Close and Hutchinson Road as it is a more serviceable location

Response

- The street scene already contains various street furniture, streetlights and trees, so the positioning of another item is not considered to be a significant deviation to the existing street layout.
- Its location in the verge is also considered to be a better option than obstructing pedestrians on the footpath. The location will not make grass cutting impossible, but will instead result in a slightly altered mode of cutting to the conventional tractor mowing option. It is my view that the minimal impact on grass cutting regime is not considered to have significant enough weight to warrant recommending the application for refusal.
- The suggested change of location cannot be considered within the confines of this application.

Additional Representations:

- Dr. Colette Harris, 17 Mottram Close
- Mr Kevan James and Mrs Diane James, 24 Old School Close

Many of the issues raised have been addressed in the original report. Extra matters not raised include:

- Health concerns
- Does the council have a masts register?
- What steps have been made by the operator/authority to consult the relevant bodies?

Response:

- See paragraphs 14 and 15 in the report

- Yes – A masts register is available for public viewing at City Hall, together with a link on the Council's website to the Government Radio Telecommunications Agency's website showing current masts and signal stations.
 - This is a requirement under the NPPF. The applicant has undertaken a consultation methodology as per the 'Traffic Light Model' assigning the site as 'red'. Various persons and bodies have been consulted including ward councillors, the local MP, West Earlham Infant School and some nearby residential properties. No responses were received.
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