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APPLICATION NO:
TL/2000/0641

LOCATION:
Grass Verge Opposite Ye Old Leathern Bottel Public House Barkham Road, Wokingham.

APPLICANT:
Orange Pcs Ltd C/O Patrick Farfan Associates Ltd

PROPOSAL:
Proposed erection of free standing telecommunications pole 8 m high with one directional antenna plus equipment cabinet

EARLIEST DATE FOR DECISION: **20/03/2000**

APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE: **06/04/2000**

CASE OFFICER: **Emy Circuit**

WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS

REFUSAL OF PRIOR APPROVAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS NOTIFICATION

Mr Gary Patterson
Patrick Farfan
Unit C Quay West
Salamander Quay
Park Lane
HAREFIELD
Middlesex
UB9 6NZ

Notification No: TL/2000/0641

Parish: WOKINGHAM

Proposal: erection of an 8m high telegraph pole style mast with one directional antenna, plus an equipment cabin

Location: *land opposite the Old Leathern Bottle PH, Barkham Road, Wokingham.*

The Wokingham District Council in pursuance of their powers under Part 24 of the Town and Country (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) Order 1998 **REFUSES** prior approval for the above stated telecommunications equipment, the reasons for which are specified hereunder.

Reason: The proposal is considered unacceptable due to the proximity to Ye Olde leather Bottle Public House and residential properties.

Date: 31/3/00

Head of Planning and Transportation

Applicationo	Name & Address
TL/2000/0641	R & P Lenny Cherry Trees Limmerhill Road Wokingham RG41 4BU
TL/2000/0641	Mr & Mrs Kidwell 2 Apple Close Wokingham Rg41 4BQ
TL/2000/0641	Mr & Mrs Hill 2 Rowan Close Wokingham RG41 4BH
TL/2000/0641	Mr O Reynolds 4 Wisteria Close Wokingham Berks EG41 4BZ
TL/2000/0641	Mrs C J Pattinson Willow Cottage 3Limmerhill Road Wokingham Berks Rg41 4BU
TL/2000/0641	Mr P Pattinson Willow Cottage 3 Limmerhill Road Wokingham Rg41 4BU
TL/2000/0641	S Hunt 7 Rowan Close Wokingham Rg41 4BH
TI/2000/0641	A Dickson Ye Olde Leathern Bottle P.H. Wokingham District Council Berks
TL/2000/0641	Mrs E Haywood 5 Linden Close Wokingham Rg40 4BL
TL/2000/0641	Mrs T Rosewell Hilltop Limmerhill Road Wokingham Rg41 4BU



TL/2000/0641	Mr P Mercer 22 Kestrel Way Wokingham Berks RG41 3HA
TL/2000/0641	J Marshall 227 Barkham Road Wokingham Berks Rg41 4BY
TL/2000/0641	T J Hunt The Ridings Limmerhill Road Wokingham Berks RG41 4BU
TL/2000/0641	J P Nunn 2 Magnolia Way Wokingham Berks Rg41 4BN
TL/2000/0641	Mr & Mrs R Griffin 19 Magnolia Way Wokingham Berks RG41 4BN
TL/2000/0641	N Minzley 1 Magnolia Way Wokingham RG41 4BN
TL/2000/0641	P Williams 1 Evergreen Way Wokingham Rg41 4Bx
TL/2000/0641	C J Baguley 8 Evergreen Way Wokingham Rg41 4BX
TL/2000/0641	K Fox 16 Magnolia Way Wokingham RG41 4Bn
TL/2000/0641	VR Blake Rose Cottage Limmerhill Road Wokingham Berks
TL/2000/0641	Mr & Mrs S Hargreaves 5 Apple Close Wokingham Berks Rg41 4BQ

TL/2000/0641

Mr & Mrs Gorwood
Gable Cottage
Limmerhill Road
Wokingham
Berks

App refused, letter
sent 03/04/00

ACTIVITY REPORT

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Received by Wokingham District Council

Application No: TL/2000/0641

Proposal:
Proposed erection of free standing telecommunications pole 8 m high with one directional antenna plus equipment cabinet

Location:
Grass Verge Opposite Ye Old Leathern Bottel Public House, Barkham Road, , Wokingham.

The application is available for inspection at Wokingham District Council's offices during the following times:

PLANNING DEPARTMENT, SHUTE END, WOKINGHAM TEL (0118) 974 6428
8.30 - 5.00 Monday - Thursday & 8.30 - 4.00 Friday

WOODLEY LIBRARY HEADLEY ROAD WOODLEY (9.30am - 7.00pm Mon, Thurs & Fri. 9.30am - 5.00pm Tues, 9.30am - 1.00pm Saturday. closed all day Wednesday)

Comments should be sent in writing QUOTING THE APPLICATION NUMBER to the Case Officer Emy Circuit P.O. Box 157 Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham Berkshire, RG40 1WR to arrive on or before 20/03/2000. Written comments submitted will become available for public inspection.

In view of the very large number of planning applications and letters of comment received, it will not normally be possible for an individual reply to observations made. However any comments will be taken into account when the application is determined and you will be notified of the decision.

Head Planning and Transportation

WORK SHEET FOR : Emy Circuit

Application Number : TL/2000/0641

Applicant : Orange Pcs Ltd C/O Patrick Farfan Associates Ltd.

Location : Grass Verge Opposite Ye Old Leathern Bottel Public House, Barkham Road, , Wokingham.

Proposal : Proposed erection of free standing telecommunications pole 8 m high with one directional antenna plus equipment cabinet

Site Notice Displayed ? :	YES	NO	DATE
	✓		29/2/00

Date of Neighbour Notifications : .....

Date of Site Visit : 29/2/00

Date Registered : 24/02/2000

Earliest Date for Decision : 20/03/2000

Latest Consultation Date/Site Notice Expiry Date : 20/03/2000

Application Expiry Date: 06/04/2000

Consultation Responses :

Highways - no objection
Property - no objection
Environmental Health - no objections but makes comments on possible health effects - no proven health risk
Neighbours - (22 letters (inc pub)) - danger from emissions/radiation, adverse effect on property values, damage to trees, is it necessary, road hazard, eyesore/unsightly, proximity to residential area + pub, guide dogs for the blind + The Berkshire Residential Home + bus stops. 31m mast permitted at Arborfield
Wokingham TC - object due to distance from dwellings - appearance

Planning Issues :

Countryside/Gap (near edge of settlement)
Green Route.

Application Number: TL/2000/0641
Grass verge opposite Ye Olde Leathern Bottle Public House

Appraisal: The proposed location of the mast is in an area with a semi-rural character, 25 metres from a public house and about 60 metres from the next nearest dwelling, 4 Linden Close. In the light of the proximity to the public house and residential areas and the level of concern expressed by residents of the surrounding area, it is considered that the proposal should be refused.

Recommendation: refusal

Application Number TL/2000/0641
Conditions/Reasons for Refusal

No	Std Con	Std Reas	Non Std Conditions / Reasons for Refusal

RECORD OF SITE VISIT

SITE ADDRESS: Grass Verge Opposite Ye Old Leathern Bottel Public House Barkham Road Wokingham.

APPLICATION NUMBER: TL/2000/0641

OFFICER: Emy Circuit

DATE OF SITE VISIT: 29/2/00

1 SITE/STATUTORY NOTICE DISPLAYED ? yes

2. DESCRIPTION OF SURROUNDINGS

Countryside location adjacent to settlement.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SITE/BUILDING verge opposite public house close to residential area.

4. RELATIONSHIP TO ADJOINING PROPERTIES

nearest neighbours pub and guide dog centre - field

5. SITE CONSTRAINTS

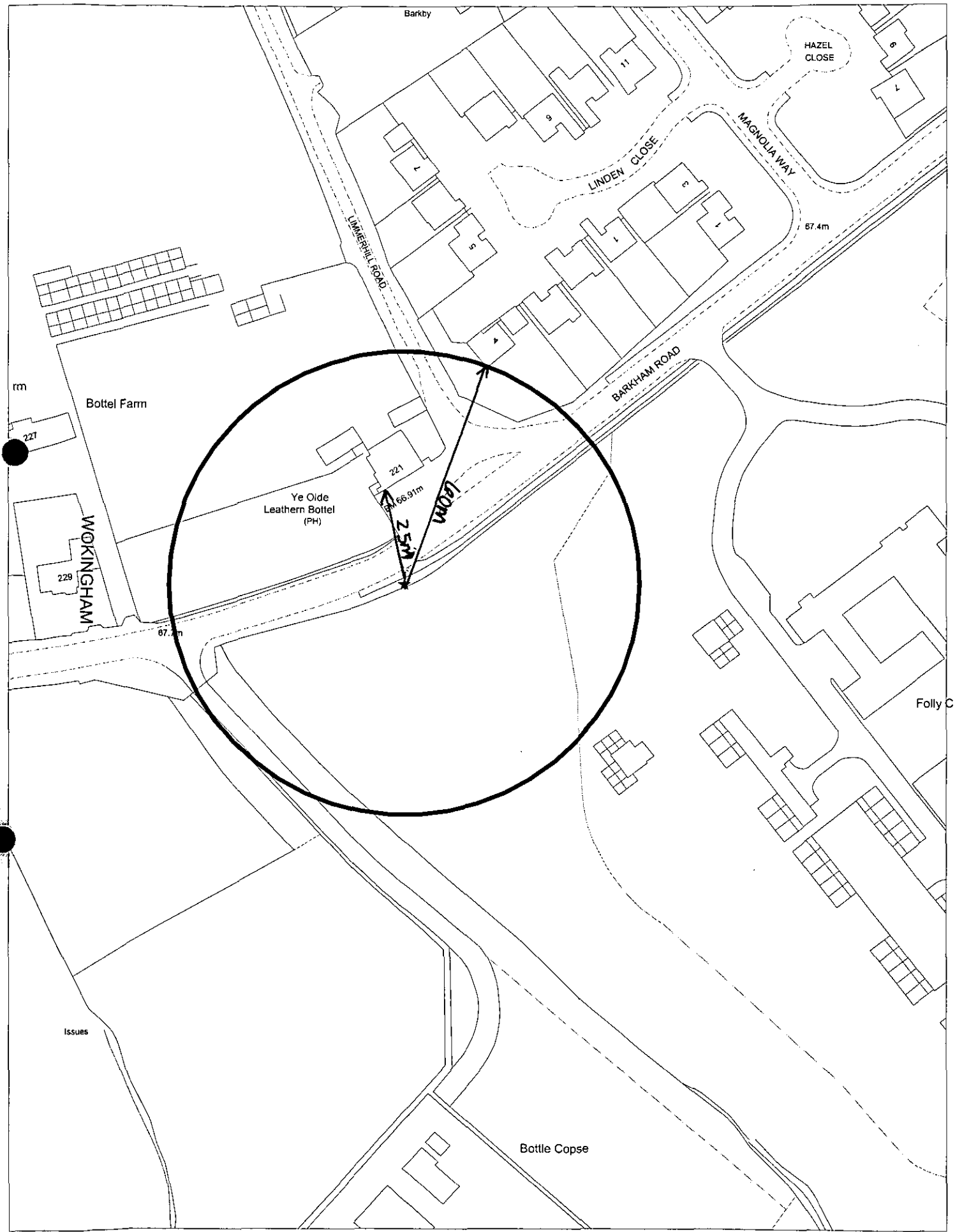
TREES

ACCESS/PARKING

LEVELS

BOUNDARY TREATMENT 1m hedge and mature trees along boundary of guide dog centre

OTHERS



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Development Control Section, Environmental Services, Wokingham District Council.

27 March 2000

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42 days 6/4/00

WOKINGHAM D.C. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Start date: 24 FEB 2000	
Officer: EXC	Application No. TL/2000/0641

Map No 82 Site .....
Easting: ..... Flood Pln .....
Northing: ..... Mineral .....

Level: ☐ Sub Committee ☑ Delegated ☐ Sec. State
☐ Incorrect Fee ☐ Invalid ☐ PD

Description:
(TL) PROPOSED ERECTION OF FREE STANDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLE 8m HIGH WITH ONE DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA PLUS EQUIPMENT CABINET

Location: OPP OLD LEATHERN BOTTLE PH, BARKHAM ROAD

Parish: WOKINGHAM Ward: Evendons ✓

Applicant: ORANGE PCS LTD

Fee Received 35-00 Required ..... Additional ..... Refund .....

Enforcement Section to be notified (3) ☐ tick if required

Additional information required for validation

		Reason	Requested	Received
1	1:2500 OS location plan showing property edged in blue/red			
2	1:500 block plan showing existing & proposed dev. + adj. Properties			
3	Forms unsigned			
4	Correct S 66 certificate			
5	Elevation plans			
6	Floor plans			
7	Metric scale disclaimer			
8	Encroachment letter			
9	Miscellaneous			

APPLN NO. _____

ACTION REQUIRED BY DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Conservation Area .....

Listed Building 1 2 2*

Advertisement Required .....

Date Site Notice Sent : 25/02/00 Parish Council Informed - YES / ~~NO~~

INTERNAL CONSULTATIONS

Building Control	NF: .....
Landscape	NK: .....
Trees	NK: .....
Conservation Officer	NK: .....
Environmental Health	(NA) ✓ .....
Housing	NA: .....
Leisure & Cultural services	PA: .....
Public Rights of Way	PA: ✓ .....
Property	(NC) .....
District Secretary (only if called in by SOS)	MA: .....
Policy & Plans	QA: .....
Strategic Planning (JSPU)	HA: .....
Minerals (BABTIE)	GA: .....
Archaeological Site (BABTIE)	: .....
Education	AP: .....
Social Services	BT: ✓ .....
Highways	(XA) ✓ .....

EXTERNAL CONSULTATIONS

Adjacent D P A	: .....
Adjacent Parish	: .....
Southern Electricity Board	BN: .....
British Gas	BM: .....
PSA Oil Pipeline	BD: .....
Transco	: .....
Environment Agency	BP: .....
Rail Track	BI: .....
Police Arch. Liaison Officer	PC: .....

HERITAGE BODIES

The Georgian Group	KG: .....
Ancient Monuments Society	KA: .....
Council for British Arch.	KB: .....
RCHME	KP: .....
Telecommunications (NRPB)	: .....
Sport England	: .....

OTHERS:

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NEIGHBOURS:

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CONSULTATION SHEET

APPLICATION NO.
TL/2000/0641

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ADDRESS TO WHICH LETTER SENT	DATE SENT	REPLY RECEIVED (DATE)	APPEAL NOTIFICATIO SENT
229 Barkham Rd Wokingham	25/2		
227 Barkham Rd Wokingham	"		
Yc olde Leathern Bottel PH	"		
221 Ye olde " " Barkham Rd	"		
1 & 3 magnolia way			
7 Linden close Wokingham	"		
Folly Lodge. Barkham Rd	"		
Folly Thatch Barkham Rd	"		
1+2 Jolly Thatch cottages Barkham Rd	"		
Guide Dogs for the blind Folly Cott Barkham Rd	"		

FAX

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13 MAR 2000
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Patrick Farfan
ASSOCIATES LIMITED

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Tel. 01895 823700
Fax. 01895 821214
Mob. 07971 567388

Date 10 March 2000

Ref GP/OPCS/113

From Gary Patterson

To Mike Thorp,
Wokingham DC, Planning

Fax No 0118 974 6484

Pages 0 to follow

Orange PCS Ltd, Microcell Site BRK7040, Your Ref EXC/TL/2000/0641

Dear Mr Thorp

Thank you for your letter dated 06 March, stating your objection to the above development

I can confirm that I am unable to revise this scheme and locate it to an alternative location significantly further from residential property. The residential areas are the very areas that we are trying to provide a service to. Orange are legally bound to provide this service and meet the demands of their customers under the terms of their licence.

This is a lamppost microcell with an effective range of 500m, and will be no more intrusive to the residential property than the existing lighting columns and telegraph poles

This application is to provide coverage for the Magnolia Way estate following your refusal of application TL113. This new location is to satisfy your requirements of proximity to residential property

I met with your highways department to discuss this proposal on Friday 18 February, and they are satisfied that we have offered a solution that will cause the least local upset compatible with sound engineering principles

Yours sincerely

Gary Patterson
Acquisition Consultant

Tel: (0118) 974 6479 (Direct Line)
Fax: (0118) 974 6484
Email: Emy.Circuit@wokingham.gov.uk
Date: 6 March 2000
My ref: EXC/TL/2000/0641
Your ref: Microcell Site BRK7040

Mr Gary Patterson
Patrick Farfan
Unit C Quay West
Salamander Quay
Park Lane
HAREFIELD
Middlesex
UB9 6NZ

Dear Mr Patterson

PROPOSED ERECTION OF AN 8M HIGH TELEGRAPH POLE STYLE MAST WITH ONE DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA, PLUS AN EQUIPMENT CABIN, ON LAND OPPOSITE THE OLD LEATHERN BOTTLE PH, BARKHAM ROAD, WOKINGHAM. TELECOMMUNICATION NOTIFICATION :TL/2000/00641.

I refer to your notification for a telecommunications 8m telegraph pole style mast with one directional antenna plus equipment cabin, on the south verge, opposite the Old Leathern Bottle Public House, Barkham Road, Wokingham.

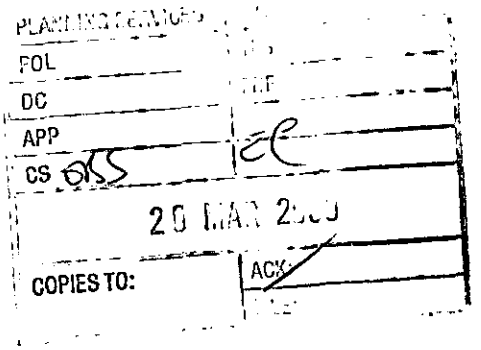
I write to formally advise you that the Local Planning Authority requires Prior Approval of this scheme, in view of the close proximity of the proposed mast to the public house and residential properties.

I should be grateful if you would advice me in writing within 7 days of this letter, if you are able to revise the scheme and locate it to an alternative location, which would be significantly further away from any residential properties.

Yours sincerely,

M L THORP.
Principal Development Control Officer.

7 Rowan Close
Wokingham
Berkshire
RG41 4BH



The Case Officer
Emy Circuit
Environmental Services Department
Planning Services
PO BOX 157
Wokingham
Berkshire
RG40 1WR

18 March, 2000

Dear Sir / Madam

Planning Application TL/2000/0641

Once again, I must write to you to formally lodge my objection to the siting of an 8 metre Orange Telecommunications Mast in the vicinity of the Buttercups estate.

In the Autumn of 1999, a planning application was posted for a mast in the middle of the estate. At this time sufficient objections were raised for you to refuse planning permission.

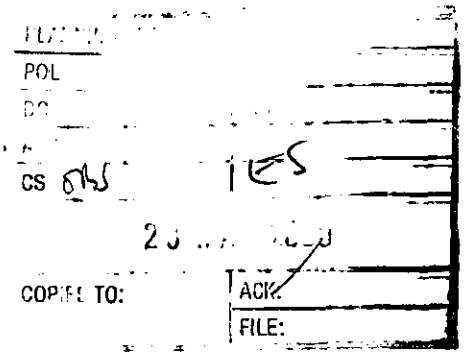
I fail to see how moving the mast approximately 400 metres demonstrates any understanding of the health concerns of the residents of the Buttercups estate.

Please can you take note of our continuing objection this time and ensure that any future proposed sitings are not in this area at all. Any future proposals will receive similar objections.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Hunt



B & J Knapp
15 Laurel Close
Wokingham Berks
RG414AZ
Tel. 0118 9788931

20th March 2000

Dear Mr Woods

Siting Of Proposed Orange Telecommunications Mast
Wokingham
Application No TL/2000/0641

We wish to protest most strongly to the proposal to locate a mobile phone mast, opposite Ye Olde Leathern Bottle Public House, Barkham Road.

The mast will be an eyesore and and it seems these constructions are being erected on the cheap, in an inconsiderate way and without regard to our environment. Surely the answer is a planned, logical and co-ordinated approach with shared larger masts situated away from residential poulations.

There is a growing amount of evidence that the transmissions from mobile phones and aerial masts are dangerous to health. Naturally Orange etc. deny this but so then did the beef industry deny there was any danger from BSE, that is until it was too late.

We pay some of the highest rates in the country yet we are allowed to be treated in such a second rate way by the Mobile Phone Companies and our council whose duty should be representing our interests.

Mr. Woods, please do your job and prevent such a monstrosity being ercected in one of the few areas where the balance of community and aesthetic quality has just about been maintained. It is in any event under threat from over development and the ridiculous construction of a 'mini power station'. This does nothing other than devalue the area.

Yours sincerely

B & J Knapp

Emy Circuit

From: Nigel Rose [Nigel.Rose@ukgateway.net]
Sent: 21 March 2000 12:17
To: John Redwood, MP
Cc: Emy Circuit; mike.thorp@wokingham.gov.uk
Subject: Mr B A White

John,

Thank you for your letter of 16th March which I received yesterday.

I am advised that Orange have been asked to find an alternative location away from residential properties. As you know, the Council is trying to apply the precautionary principle, adopted for its own land, to all applications, although this has no legal or regulatory support. We hope that we shall be able to hold the line and not lose any appeals.

At the moment we do not know how Orange will react to the request to find a different location. It may be worth Mr White keeping in touch with our officer, Emy Circuit, over the next week or so to obtain the latest position.

Kind regards,

Nigel Rose

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To Emy Circuit 17-3-00.

Please could you contact me about this application as I have through the Town Council already registered my strongest objection.

These are based on

1/ Environmental + health reasons (Proximity to homes + public house which has a garden)

2/ Unsightliness

3/ Residents concerns.

We noted that there is correspondence 6/3/00 asking for the mast to be sited elsewhere and we read the response.

Could I know where this application will now go?

TINA MARINOS
9785217

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22 MAR 2000	
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WOKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL CONSULTATION SHEET

Case officer: Emy Circuit

Application Number: TL/2000/0641

Proposal: Proposed erection free standing telecommunications pole 9m high with one directional antenna plus equipment cabinet

Site Address: Grass verge opposite Ye Olde Leathern Bottel Public House, Barkham Road, Wokingham

Applicant: Orange Pcs Ltd c/o Patrick Farfan Associates Ltd

Your observations are required in respect of this application by **20/03/2000**

Observations:

RECOMMEND REFUSAL:

- Danger to traffic
- Near residential area
- Near to dog training centre

Comments by Cllr T Marinos (Ward Councillor)

This application is sited on District Council property i.e. Highways. I hope the District Council will enforce its regulations as to distance from dwellings, In addition it is near to the "Leathern Bottel" pub where many congregate outside in the summer.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE: 13 March 2000**

CLERK TO WOKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING SERVICES | HPT
POL | TLS
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CS OBS | ES
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March 16.

Gable Cottage.
Linnen Hill Rd.
Hookingham.

TL/2000/0641/26

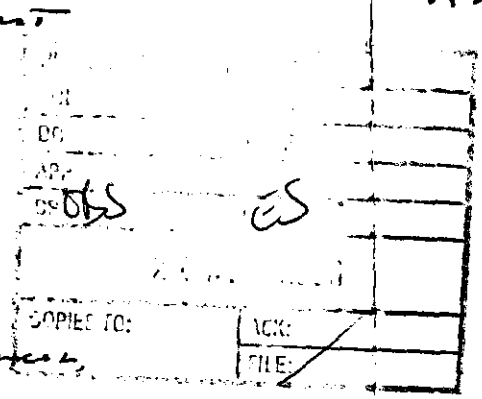
Dear Sir.

We object to the proposed erection of a Telecommunications pole because of possible health risks — the site is too near where people live.

Yours sincerely,
H. M. Garwood.
R. H. Garwood.

ATTN. ENV CIRCUIT

ROSE COTTAGE
LIMMERHILL ⑤
WOKINGHAM
RG31 ---



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES,
WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL,
P.O. BOX 157

Dear Sirs,

Re: Planning Application TL/9000/0641

I wish to object to the above application on the following grounds:-

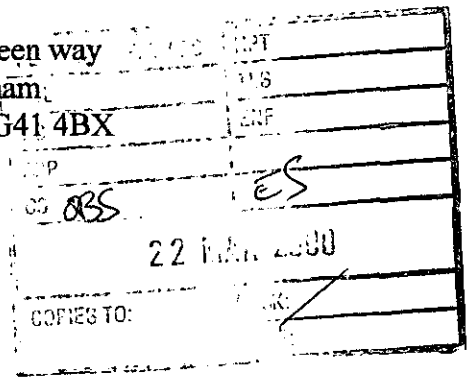
1. It is sited close to the only entrance/exit of Limmerhill Rd., and opposite to the Forest Pub: Since it is unlikely to be of architectural merit and a minimum of 8m high I feel it can only be of detrimental effect to the area.

2. It has not yet been proven that the levels of microwave exposure are safe - especially to children. I therefore object additionally on health grounds.

Yours faithfully,

(V.R. BLAKE)

1 Evergreen way
Wokingham
Berks RG41 4BX
19.3.00



Wokingham District Council
Town Planning dept

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application TL/2000/0641 Ref BRK 7040
Orange mast S grass verge opposite Ye olde Leathern Bottle
RG41 4BY OS 479 593E 167 870N

I wish to object to the above planning application .

Orange seem to have gone out of their way to redesign the mast to minimal visual impact, remove it from housing areas, and have offered to paint it to fit in if the Council wants. To my surprise I understand however upon enquiry that despite all the fuss over these masts the Council still has no policy on visual environmental impact and architectural mitigation such as painting or screening, and no requirement from Orange.

Therefore I object to the application by orange on the grounds of the Council's negligence in dealing with visual matters and failure to require any measures despite Orange's offer.

The mast would probably be OK if it were painted say green and positioned for minimum visual impact in relation to buildings , telegraph poles trees etc. or contained within an artificial tree as in S Africa.

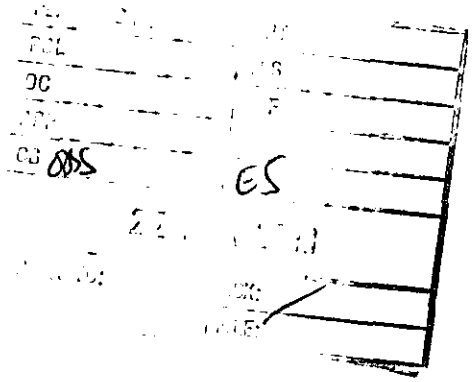
The ground cabinet should be painted , and unfenced, or any fence made rustic in character to fit in. Not so difficult is it ?

yours sincerely

P Williams

5 APPLE CLOSE
WOKINGHAM
BERKSHIRE
RG41 4BQ

Tel: 0118 989 1467



20 March 2000

The Case Officer
Emy Circuit
Environmental Services Department
Planning Services
PO Box 157
Shute End
Wokingham
Berks RG40 1WR

Dear Sir/Madam,

re: Planning Application TL/2000/0641
Proposed Siting of 8m High Telecommunications Mast
Opposite Ye Olde Leathern Bottle PH

Some reasons for objection:

Siting is in a huge residential area - concerns for health - effects of these masts are still unclear.

The mast will be visible for some distance.

The outlook and enjoyment of all families using the Leathern Bottle PH will be spoilt - this is the only local family pub within walking distance and serves not only the Buttercups, but the vast community of Woosehill too.

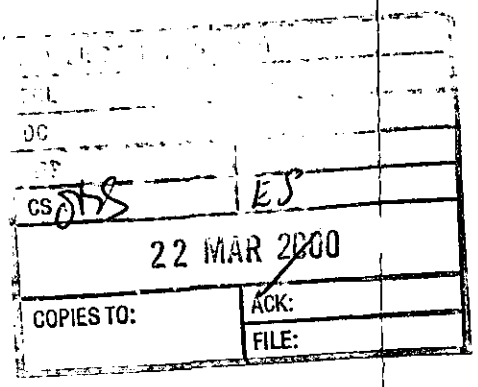
Planning permission was already denied for a similar Orange telecommunications mast on our estate only just over six months ago - this one is equally unacceptable.

Orange (joint Orange/Vodaphone) have been granted permission for a 31 metre high mast in Coombes Lane, Arborfield, LESS THAN TWO MILES AWAY - why do we need another one?

Yours faithfully,

P Hargreaves

SIMON & TRICIA HARGREAVES



8, Evergreen Way
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19 March 2000

The Case Officer
Wokingham District Council
Planning and Building Control Services
PO Box 157
Shute End
Wokingham
RG40 1WR

Dear Sir,

PROPOSED ORANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST, BARKHAM ROAD, WOKINGHAM: PLANNING APPLICATION NO. TL/2000/0641

I wrote to you about the last application by Orange Telecommunications to site a mobile phone mast on the Buttercups Estate and wish to object again to the above new proposal to site a mast opposite Ye Olde Leathern Bottle public house.

I am informed that there is evidence that transmissions from such masts may cause health hazards with exposure over periods of time and no research has yet proved that they will definitely not do so. Even though this new location is perhaps not as close to dense housing as the earlier proposal, the area it may affect is simply not known, and therefore I believe we should currently err on the side of caution and refrain from erecting more and more of these masts (hopefully having learnt something from experiences like the BSE crisis).

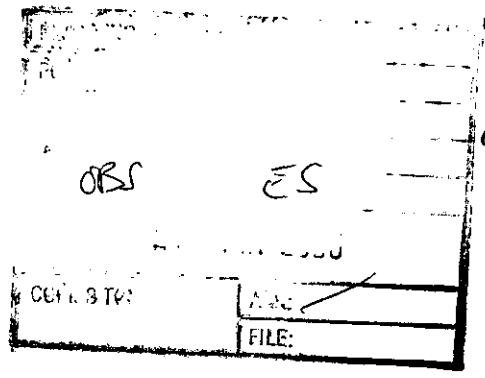
I believe this relatively tall mast will inevitably be unsightly and will spoil the appearance of the area around Ye Olde Leathern Bottle and approach to Buttercups Estate. I believe it could even worsen local television reception.

I request, therefore, that you consider refusing permission for this or other similar constructions.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

C J BAGULEY



9 LINDEN CLOSE
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Your ref: Emy Circuit / TL2000/0641

Mr. Chris Wood
Head of Planning & Transportation
Environmental Services Dept
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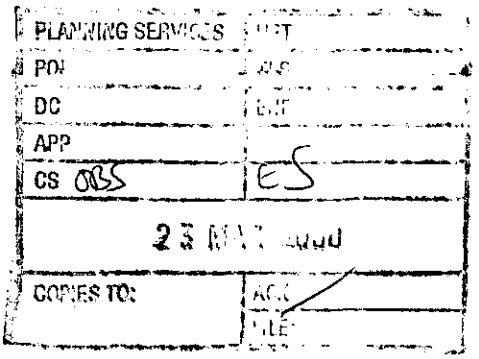
Yours sincerely

P. SOUTHAM

9 Linden Close
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Yours sincerely

Ms. L. Smith

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FAO Mr Chris Wood
Head of Planning & Transportation
Emy Circuit
Re: APPLICATION No TL/2000/0641
P O Box 157 Shute End
Wokingham
RG401WR

18th March 2000

Dear Sir

I was horrified to see that, yet again, another mobile phone company has applied to erect a mast on Barkham road, opposite to the Lethern Bottle Pub. It is outrageous that this application should even have been submitted , let alone considered by your Committee. This is a RESIDENTIAL area and the Pub is a family meeting place - the only one there is. I am sure I speak for all the Residents in this already frantically busy area in saying that I STRONGLY OBJECT to any more of my horizons being blotted for purely commercial advantage. I live here & I pay my rates in order to have a reasonable place to live. The gradual encroachment of masts in an area of relatively poor T V reception is utterly unacceptable. The fact that there are plenty of other masts, including one planned for Arborfield WHY or HOW can one be justified in this residential area with a high proportion of children who are at risk from these structures.?

I trust that my very strong objection will be noted along with all the other people's in this vicinity who long to retain this pleasant neighbouhood.

Yours Sincerely



Kathryn Fox

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RGW/KW

Dear Sir

With regard to the proposed erection of a telecommunications pole opposite the Feather Bowes Pub.

I wish to object on the following grounds

1/ Aesthetic - unsightly opposite old pub.

2/ Health — the case for or against exposure to micro-waves has not been proven.

3/ Safety — this is a dangerous bend and could be a hazard if vehicles run off the road.

Yours Sincerely

J. Stringer

TL/2000/0641

SMS

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6-3-2000

Dear Ms Crapp

I am writing to object to the proposed siting of an Orange telephone mast opposite 46 Old Heathen Hatte Rub.

Whilst, yet again, residents of Limmerhill are not informed of proposed planning applications in their vicinity we are to be potentially bombarded with harmful microwaves from these

masts.

Masts next to the road and near housing are additionally an eye-sore and lethal if a car was to leave the road at that point.

When are the planners going to be able to insist that these masts are placed well away from residential areas, and encourage mast sharing?

Please pay attention to local residents and don't ignore the possible health exposures.

Yours sincerely,

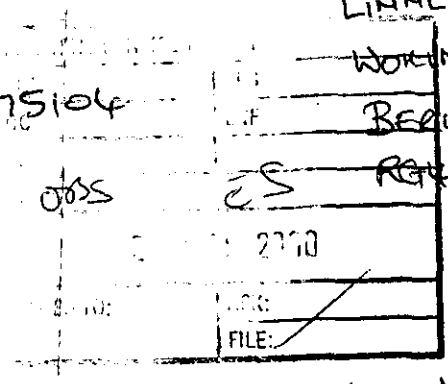
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Philip Perry
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Dear Mr Wood,

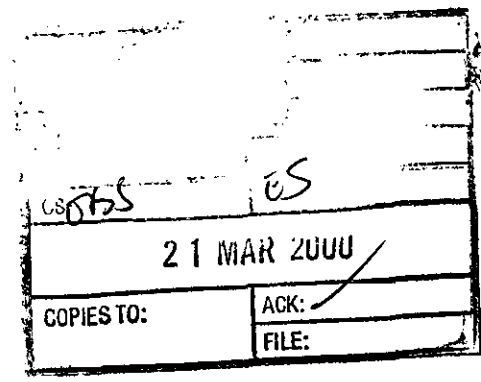
I wish to formally object to the orange mobile phone mast which I've heard may be erected on the Barkham Road. I am asking you not to grant permission to Orange or indeed any other mobile phone company to erect such a mast in this area. I trust you will take this letter, and I'm sure many others, into account when making your decision.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs. Tina Rosewell.

2 Magnolia Way
Wokingham
Berkshire
RG41 4BN

19th March 2000



Chris Wood
Head of Planning & Transportation
Wokingham Unitary Council
Shute End
Wokingham
RG40 1WR

Dear Mr Wood

Planning Application No TL/2000/0641.

I refer to the above application to erect a telecommunications mast on the Barkham Road in Wokingham opposite Ye Olde Leathern Bottle public house.

As a local resident of this rather pleasant area, I would find it objectionable to have such a structure, in, as I understand it, public view. Logic would suggest that there is little necessity to have a mobile telecommunications mast sited in an area of high residential occupation, since there is also a high density of fixed telecommunication already. This is an unwarranted duplication of telecommunication facilities. In this particular area it would be reasonable to assume a high level of other communication devices such as e-mail and probably pager systems.

If the proliferation of companies requiring masts is allowed to go unchecked, we will end up with far less amenable places in which to live. In this age we must be able to persuade the competing companies to share the unsightly sides of their businesses, and also put them in areas less objectionable than the site proposed for this mast. Would it be worth investigating the attaching of the new mast required to an existing national grid pylon in an area where there is less risk to health?

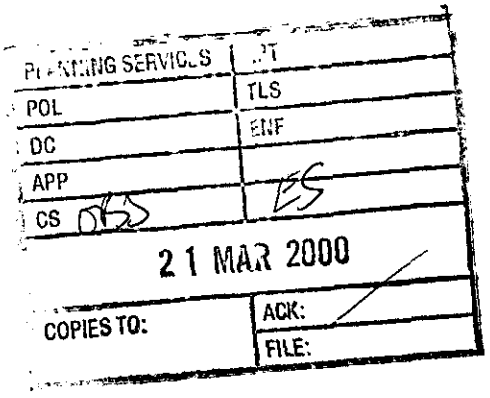
With regard to the possible risk to health, the jury is still to pronounce on this issue but much has be written and said in respect of the health risks associated with the use of mobile telephones. One has to wonder at what point the emission levels of electromagnetic radiation becomes a problem since according to the electromagnetic spectrum which I have looked at, the emissions induce molecular vibrations, and have an energy level of around 1.2×10^{-3}eV.

It should also be remembered of course that the proposed site is very likely to cause harm to the safe operations of The Guide Dogs for The Blind Association.

Yours faithfully

Jonathon P Nunn

Jonathon P Nunn



227 Barkham Road
Wokingham
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18th March 2000

Your ref: Emy Circuit

Mr Chris Wood
Head of Planning & Transportation
Environmental Services Dept
PO Box 157
Shute End, Wokingham
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Dear Mr Wood

Re Planning Application TL/2000/0641 Telecommunications pole

I am writing to object to the proposed application by Orange Pcs Ltd on the following grounds:

1. The proposed siting is too close to a residential area.

2. Also on the opposite side of the road is a family pub where people sit outside and children play. Bus stops are also located adjacent and opposite to the site. There is concern regarding the siting of these masts on health grounds.

3. It was mentioned in the application that Barkham Road was a main road, this is not the case it is a "B" road and in a rural setting so the "pole" would be an intrusion on the landscape.

4. Telecommunication masts are proliferating in the area, as there is to be a joint Orange/Vodaphone mast at Coombes Lane, which is less than 2 miles away, I would question the need for yet another.

Yours sincerely

J C Marshall

June Marshall

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The Ridings
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20th March 2000

Chris Wood
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Dear Mr Wood

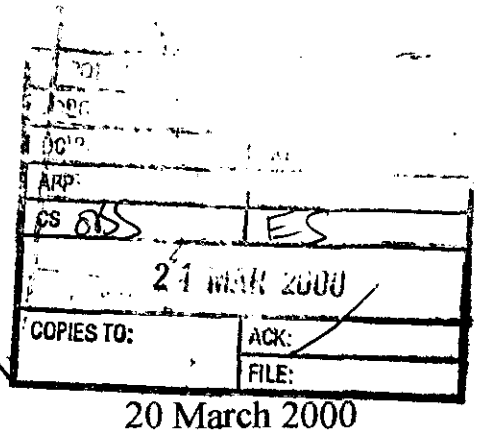
Application Number TL/2000/0641
Site address: Proposed telecommunications pole Grass Verge opposite Ye Old Leathern Bottel Public House.

Please accept this letter as an official objection to the above application. Not only is such a mast an unproven health hazard but also is to be sited in a place which adds nothing to the appearance of the surrounding rural area. If the volume of complaints from local residents is a significant deciding factor as to whether or not planning applications are approved we would hope that this complaint will result in this planning application being rejected.

Yours sincerely,

T. J. HUNT

N. Minzly
1, Magnolia Way,
Wokingham RG41 4BN



20 March 2000

Wokingham District Council
P.O. Box 157,
Shute End,
Wokingham RG40 1WR

Attention: Mr. Chris Wood, Head of Planning & Transportation, Emy Circuit

Dear Sir,

Ref: Application No. TL/2000/0641

I wish to register my strongest objections to the installation of a cellphone antenna opposite the Ye Olde Leathern Bottel public House on the Barkham Road, Wokingham for the following reasons:

1. The area is already well provided with cellphone signals; I have personally been using a cellphone in this area for many years without any difficulty.

2. From an aesthetic point of view, such antenna will further deteriorate a street which is getting more and more congested with new buildings.

3. Last, but not least, such antenna will radiate signals at MICROWAVE FREQENCIES, causing potentially grave harm to people (and dogs of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association). In this context, our local public house is an important meeting point for whole families with minors including new-born babies. The people who will continue to visit the pub will be in grave danger of absorbing radiation (they may as well put their heads in a MICROWAVE OVEN), but I suspect many will decide not to go there at all, thereby causing the loss of a good local amenity.

Yours faithfully

N. Minzly

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16 March, 2000

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Application TL/2000/0641

We are writing to object to the above proposed application by Orange Pcs Ltd c/o Patrick Farlan Associates Ltd.

We are extremely distressed to learn that Orange Pcs Ltd. are once again attempting to erect a telecommunications mast near a vast residential area, despite having been denied planning permission for a similar mast to be sited on our estate just over six months ago. This new siting, opposite Ye Olde Leathern Bottle public house, is only a few hundred metres away from the original proposed location and still very close to a residential area; - how can this be acceptable?

These telecommunication masts seem to be proliferating in this area, and since we understand there is to be a 31 metre joint Orange/Vodaphone mast at Coombes Lane in Arborfield, which will adequately serve this district, we do not see why there is any need for yet another.

In addition, the same objections raised concerning the previous proposed mast still now apply:

- Despite the argument that health fears are unfounded, and that the harmful effect of microwaves from mobile phones and mobile phone masts is yet unproven, at the same time, we do not have any absolute proof that they are, in fact, HARMLESS. To continue with the siting of these masts in residential areas when we do not have enough scientific findings, and there is still the risk of some adverse side effects, is complete and utter folly. Therefore, although the government may currently consider these masts safe, there is still great local concern in the community, particularly from residents who, like us, have young children.

- An 8 metre high mast will be visible from some distance, spoiling the pleasant, rural appearance of the approach to the Buttercups estate and the surrounding area, which we currently enjoy.

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Another point to consider, taking into account both health fears and the aesthetics of environmental appearance, is that the Leathern Bottle public house is the ONLY LOCAL FAMILY PUB within walking distance which serves not only the Buttercups and Blagrove area, but the vast community in Woosehill too. The enjoyment of this recreational facility will be ruined by such a mast and will no longer be a place where families will want to spend their time (and money).

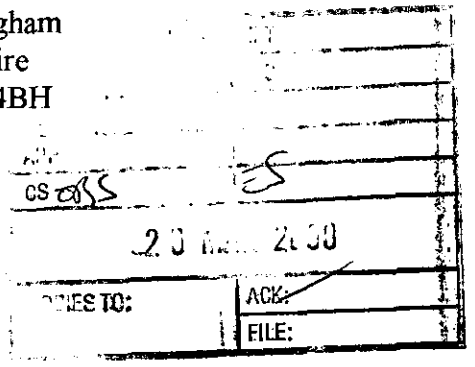
In short, both the actual siting of this mast, and the way in which its planning has been *handled, so soon after the original attempt and subsequent denial,* is <u>COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE and we strongly insist that planning permission should be denied.</u>

Yours faithfully

Jean & Kidwell

Mr M and Mrs J Kidwell

Mr S and Mrs R Hill
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The case Officer
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PLANNING APPLICATION TL/2000/0641

We are writing to object to the above planning application by Patrick Farfan Associates Ltd on behalf of OrangePcs Ltd.

Only just over six moths ago planning permission was denied for a mast on our estate, beside a residential property. We are therefore extremely distressed that the same company are now attempting to erect a simular mast only a few hundred metres away from the original site. It presents all the same questions about the effect on residents of the Buttercups' and other nearby properties as the previous one did, and is therefore equally as unacceptable. Not only this, but it will now be visible for some distance approaching the estate and its presence will therefore spoil this currently pleasant appearance of the approach to our estate.

Alongside the residential issue there is also the question of the siting now being beside Ye Olde Leathern Bottle public house. The mast will spoil the outlook and enjoyment of all the families using the Leathern Bottle public house. This is a FAMILY PUB. With the real health fears of locals, not only from the Buttercups, but from the vast community on Woosehill, the pub will no longer be a place where families will wish spend their recreation time. There is nowhere else to go within walking distance.

-WOULD YOU TAKE YOUR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN TO A PUB GARDEN WITH A MOBILE PHONE MAST SITED ONLY TEN METRES AWAY?

The third objection we have to the mast, is that Orange have been granted permission for a joint 31 metre high mast less than two miles away at Arborfield. We understand from Orange users that there is no problem with the Orange reception in the Buttercups/Limmerhill area WITHOUT the 31 metre mast.

- WHY IS THE MAST ON BARKHAM ROAD NECESSARY?.

Personally we are also extremely concerned about the possible effect of the mast on ours and our children's health. Although we realise the government currently considers these masts safe, we do not for the following reasons:

1. The National Radiological Protection Board's guidelines for maximum microwave exposure is higher in Britain than in some other countries and scientists are finding adverse side effects at much lower signal levels than this recommendation.

2. There is research that suggests microwaves are harmful to human health, and the argument that the effect of microwaves from mobile phones and mobile phone masts being harmful to health has yet to be proven is an extremely unscientific and completely ridiculous. Mobile phone technology is too new and needs to be tested over a longer period than the existence of mobile phones allows. With some much historical evidence of this attitude destroying peoples lives e.g. cigarettes, asbestos and BSE, the mobile situation should not be allowed to progress along the same lines.

3. NO RESEARCH has proved that mobile phones or masts do not affect health.

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Yours faithfully

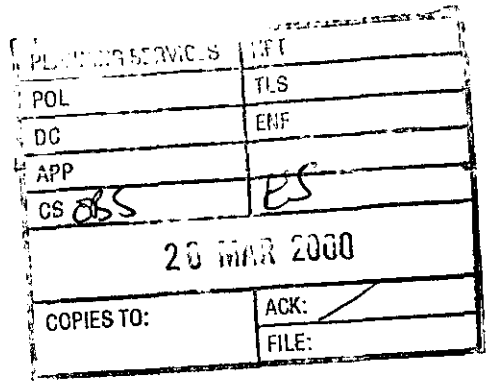
Mr S and Mrs R Hill

From: Mr O Reynolds

4 Wisteria Close
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18 March 2000

Mr Christopher Wood
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PLANNING APPLICATION No TL/2000/0641

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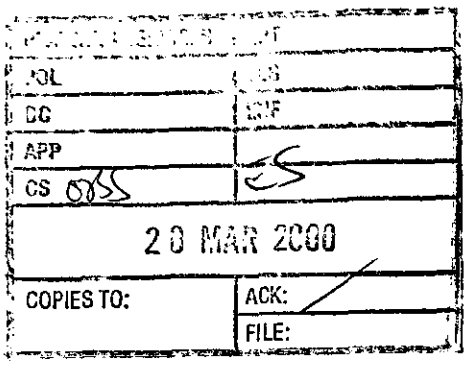
a. The proposed siting of the telecommunications mast is too close to a residential area.

b. The dangers of harmful emissions fom the mast may not have been proven. But no-one should be surprised if families wishing to sit outside the Leathern Bottel Public House are concerned about the possible risk from a telecommunications mast situated on the opposite side of the road.

c. Finally, I understand that there are plans for an Orange /Vodaphone mast at Coombes Lane which is apparently less than 2 miles away from the Leathern Bottel.Two masts so close together seems excessive.

Yours Sincerely

O Reynolds



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16th March, 2000.

Mr. Chris Wood
Head of Planning & Transportation
Environmental Services Dept
Planning Services
PO Box 157
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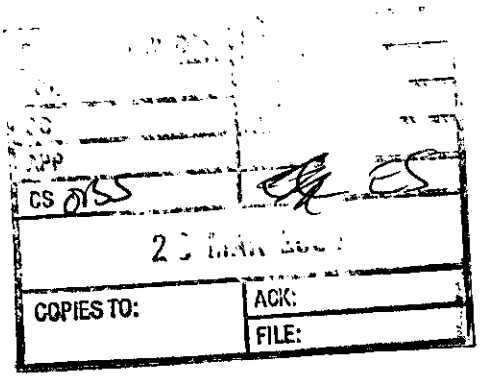
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I would therefore urge the Council to reject this planning application.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Pattison

MRS. C. J. PATTISON
WILLOW COTTAGE
3 LIMMERHILL RD.
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BERKS. RG41 4BU.



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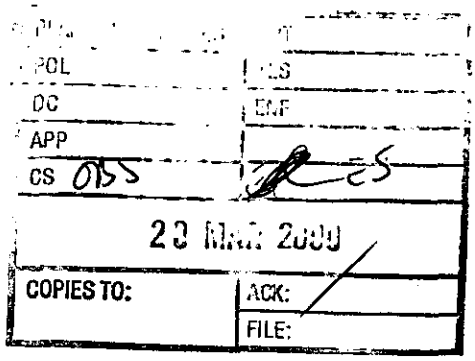
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Yours sincerely

Peter R. Pattison.

MR PETER R. PATTISON,
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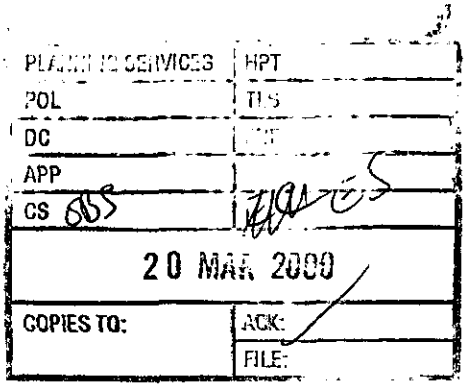
Yours sincerely

A. DICKSON.

MANAGER OF YE OLDE LEATHERN BOTTEL

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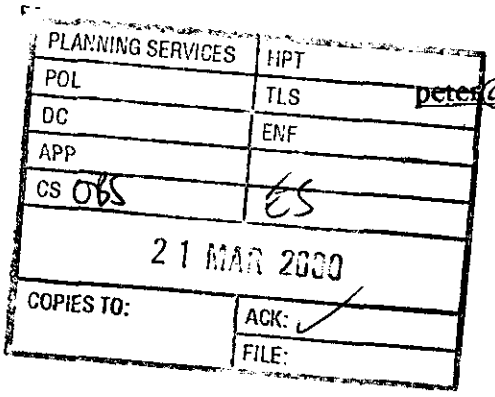
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4. I am also concerned that the Guide Dogs For The Blind could be affected with their puppies on the same issue as above, plus the fact that The Berkshire Residential Home nearby will also be affected by the radio waves. You will know that mobile phones are forbidden in such establishments for fear of the effect they may have on vital equipment.

I would therefore urge the Council to reject this planning application.

Yours sincerely
Elizabeth Hayward
Elizabeth Hayward (Mrs.)



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20th March 20

Chris Wood
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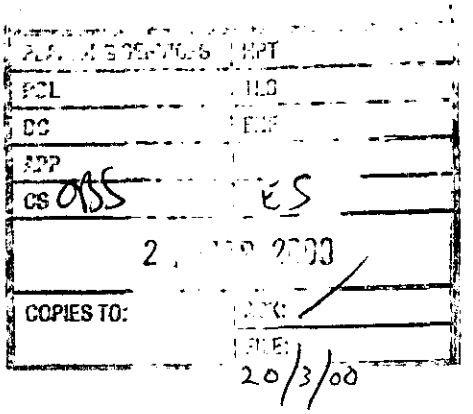
Dear Wood,

Application N° TL/2000/0641

I have just been made aware of the above proposal to place a telecommunications mast opposite Ye Old Leathern Bottle Public House. I would object to that propos on the grounds of the uncertainty surrounding the emmisions from such structures As there is no scientific evidence either way and the area is heavily populated with lot of children, I do not wish to see such a structure erected until it is proven that th are no harmful radiations that could have an adverse affect on our health.

Yours faithfully

19 Magnolia Way,
Wokingham,
Berkshire,
RG41 4BN



Re: Siting of ORANGE telecommunications masts in this area, application no: TL/2000/0641

Dear Sir or Madam,

On information received from local residents we have to write, regrettably once again, to object to the proposed siting of an ORANGE COMMUNICATIONS MAST in this area of WOKINGHAM. Is there to be no end to the nuisance and consternation suffered by the residents of this town from the persistent applications from the ORANGE organisation to defile this pleasant community?

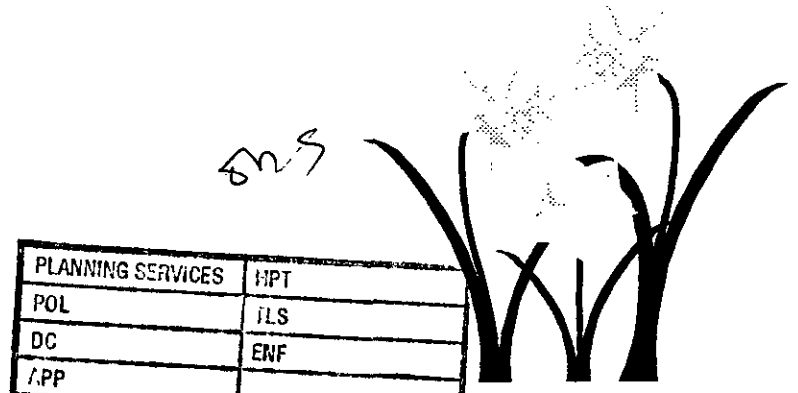
We object, as previously, on the grounds of 1) aesthetics, 2) potential damage to property values, and 3) the potential risk to the well being of residents, their children and their grand-children.

We therefore urge you to refuse permission for this proposal and to find some way of discouraging any further applications for the erection of communications masts in this residential area.

Do not allow yourselves and others to be fooled by the lure of ORANGE GOLD.

Yours faithfully,

(MR & MRS R. GRIFFIN)



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11 Magnolia Way
Wokingham
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Tel: 0118 9629987

15th. March 2000

Ms. Emy Circuit
Environmental Services Dept
Planning & Building Control Services
P.O. Box 157
Shute End
Wokingham
RG40 1WR

Dear Ms Circuit

PLANNING APPLICATION TL/2000/0641

It has come to our attention that you intend to consider giving permission for an Orange Telecommunications Mast to be erected on land opposite Ye Olde Leathern Bottle public house and Buttercups residential estate.

Words cannot express how appalled we are at this thought - what a place to put it - right in opposite a residential estate and family pub with a playing area for children!

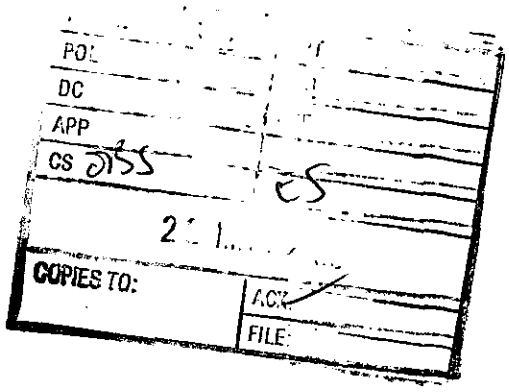
A mast of this sort should never be placed near to homes. We have enough fields in the surrounding areas, far away from homes, where it could be easily accommodated.

Come on Wokingham District Council have the guts to stand up to those telecommunications companies and say No! You've done it before and you can do it again!!

We have children and grandchildren on this estate - why put them at risk? Let them grow up happy and healthy in a town whose council has the courage to consider their future.

Yours sincerely

MR & MRS E.R. NEALE



Your ref: Emy Circuit / TL2000/0641

Mr. Chris Wood
Head of Planning & Transportation
Environmental Services Dept
Planning Services
PO Box 157
Shute End
Wokingham
Berkshire RG40 1WR

Dear Mr. Wood

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I would therefore urge the Council to reject this planning application.

Yours sincerely

R & P Kemp

Cherry Trees
Limmerhill Rd
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Mr. Chris Wood
Head of Planning & Transportation
Environmental Services Dept
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Yours sincerely

D.M.F. Hayward

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229 Barkham Road
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The Case Officer
Wokingham District Council
Emy Circuit
Environmental Services Department
Planning Services
P O Box No 157
Shute End
Wokingham
Berkshire RG40 1WR

6th March 2000

Dear Sirs

re: APPLICATION NO: TL/2000/0641
Erection of Free Standing Telecommunications Pole 8m high opposite Leathern Bottle Pub, Barkham Road, Wokingham

I thank you for your letter of 25th February regarding the above.

These telecommunication poles are obtrusive and unsightly, even if placed in commercial areas such as industrial estates, but I am horrified at the thought of one being erected in what is an attractive, residential area. The impact will be horrendous, surely the company can find a more suitable location.

In the interest of doubt, I confirm I object most strongly to the proposed development on the basis that I believe the site is totally inappropriate, in addition to which, the attending and servicing of the equipment would create traffic dangers on the Barkham Road.

Finally, PPG 8 entitled "Telecommunication" advises all Planning Authorities to refer all such matters to the HSE - Has this been done?

Yours sincerely

RICHARD G ALLEN

DMS

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Head of Planning
and Transportation.

1, Linden Close,
Wokingham, RG41 4BL.

7th March, 2000.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter dated 25th February informing us of the proposal to erect an 8 metre Telecommunications aerial opposite the Leathern Bottel public house.

In reply we would like to register our objections to this proposal for the following reasons:-

a. It may present a radiation hazard, as it would be exactly opposite the Leathern Bottel childrens play area.

b. It would be a further hazard to road traffic. There have already been a number of road accidents opposite the Leathern Bottel.

c. It would present a further eyesore to this stretch of the Barkham road. There is already a pylon and overhead electrical cables close by.

We cant stress how strongly we object to this.

Yours faithfully,

D. A. Tregear

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10 March, 2000

Dear Sirs,

Your Ref: Emy Circuit, TL/2000/0641

I am writing in response to your letter dated 25 February 2000 relating to the application by Orange Pcs Ltd to erect an 8m telecommunications pole and equipment cabinet on Barkham Road.

I would like to raise the strongest objections to this proposal on the following grounds.

1. **Danger from emission of radio-frequency energy.**

   It is well known that radio-frequency communications equipment emits energy that is believed to be detrimental to human health. For this reason, councils have refused planning permission for such installations on previous occasions where it has been proposed to erect masts close to dwellings and areas where people may gather. In the position selected, the proposed mast would be in close proximity to

   - private dwellings,
   - a public house where many people gather, including a large number of children, especially in the summer months,
   - the people and animals exercising and training in the GDBA grounds.

   I would like to ask what information is available and what calculations have been done to prove that there will be no adverse effect on those people who will be within a few metres of the proposed mast for significant periods.

2. **Adverse effect on property values.**

   Whatever the theoretical or actual levels of r.f. radiation, there is a strong public perception that a danger exists. The extent of this will be to make property in the immediate area more difficult to sell with a resulting devaluation in prices.

   The proposed mast would be directly and easily visible from the upstairs rear of my property as a constant reminder that it is there. This would be a further significant negative factor to the potential value of my property.

3. **Position**

   The proposed mast would be erected beside the footpath where it would inevitably interfere with the branches of established trees inside the GDBA boundary. Will the council be taking steps to ensure that there is no damage to trees either during or after erection?

4. Is it necessary?

In the proposal, Orange states that, unlike other operators, they do not need frequent masts to maintain a satisfactory service. Therefore

- Why do they need this mast?
- What evidence is there that the service is unsatisfactory in this immediate area?
- Does the major installation proposed for the Coombes Lane area have any bearing on the current application?

I would be grateful if you could take these comments into account in your consideration of the application and reply to each point accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



B A White

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WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

From: John Mullaney — My Ref: JRM

To: Emy Circuit, Planning Department — Your Ref: TL/2000/0641

Date: 1/3/1999

PLANNING APPLICATION NO TL/2000/0641
LOCATION: GRASS VERGE OPPOSITE YE OLD LEATHERN BOTTLE, BARKHAM ROAD.

Having considered the Environmental Health implications of the above planning application, I have no objections to planning consent but have the following comments to make in relation to this proposal.

There have been questions raised as to the possibility of adverse health effects from electromagnetic radiation from telecommunication base stations and their positioning in relation to residential development and in particular schools.

The National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) was established by the Radiological Protection Act 1970 and is responsible for conducting research and providing advice and services for protection against ionising and non-ionising radiation in the U.K. They are continually reviewing the vast body of world-wide research on the subject.

The NRPBs' current advice is that there is no proven human health risk from these installations. This position is confirmed by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and pressure groups such as Powerwatch network. There are however countries and areas of the world where precautionary measures have been adopted, e.g. New Zealand Ministry of Education has issued a policy statement preventing cellular phone antennas from being sited at state schools in the future.

Further research is currently being undertaken into possible health implications although to date no definitive statement can be made.

The NRPB have set up an Advisory Group to look into this matter. This Group has concluded, in reference to buffer zones for sensitive developments, that there is neither a clear basis from which to derive a meaningful assessment of risk, nor is there any indication of how putative risk might vary with exposure. Thus there is no scientific justification for seeking to reduce exposure in these situations and that a decision to do so must be based on social and economic rather than scientific grounds.

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The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health's current policy is as follows:

"The CIEH with regard to overhead and buried high voltage power lines, electricity sub-stations, wind generators, microwave and radio transmitters mobile phone base stations and other similar installations emitting electro magnetic radiation (EMR) in close proximity to dwellings considers:

(a) That the effect on human health based on scientific evidence is insignificant and *not proven.*

(b) That there is no convincing national or international scientific research linking Electromagnetic Radiation and deterioration in human health.

(c) That a precautionary approach to restricting building or access near such installations (apart from physical safety barriers) cannot be sustained on health grounds alone and if adopted must be based on access, amenity and public acceptability considerations.

(d) That Local Authorities should adopt a policy on how to address questions from the public on Electromagnetic radiation from such sources."

Please contact me if you require further information.

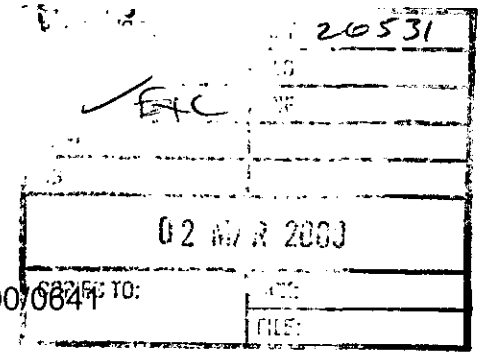
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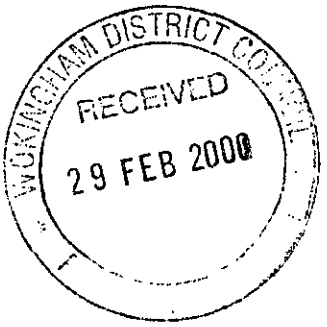
John Mullaney
Environmental Health Officer

To: ~~Property~~

~~From:~~ Emy Circuit

Date: 25 February 2000





Application Number: TL/2000/0641

Proposal: Proposed erection of free standing telecommunications pole 8 m high with one directional antenna plus equipment cabinet.

Site Address:
Grass Verge Opposite Ye Old Leathern Bottel Public House, Barkham Road, , Wokingham.

Applicant:
Orange Pcs Ltd C/O Patrick Farfan Associates Ltd.

Your observations are required in respect of this application within **7 days** of the above date.

WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL HAS NO INTEREST IN THIS LAND.

I SUSPECT IT IS PART OF THE HIGHWAY.

S. Hayes.
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OFFICER.

1/3/00.

HIGHWAYS CONSULTATION SHEET

From: ~~Emy Circuit~~ TO

Date: 25 February 2000

Application Number: TL/2000/0641

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✓ below as applicable;

1) ☐ Recommend refusal for the reason(s) **stated below**;
2) ☐ Recommend approval but with condition(s) & reason(s) **stated below**;
3) ☐ Recommend approval with **no** condition(s) or reason(s).

No objection to this application.

Signed: _____ **Print name:** G BADWELL.

Principal Highway Officer

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SITE NOTICE

Proposed development at: South Grass Verge, Opposite 'Ye Olde Leathern Bottle', Barkham Road, Wokingham, RG41 4BY
OS Grid Ref: Easting 479593 Northing 167870

I give notice that Patrick Farfan Associates Ltd on behalf of Orange PCS Ltd is applying to Wokingham District Council

Under paragraph A.2(4A) of Part 24 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 for its determination as to whether the prior approval of the authority will be required to the siting and appearance of the erection of a free-standing telecommunications telegraph pole maximum 8.0m in height housing one directional antenna. In conjunction with the above telegraph pole, an equipment cabinet will also be installed with an overall dimension of 0.98 cubic metres.

Under Part 24 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, Wokingham District Council are allowed 42 days beginning with the date of application to consider whether prior approval will be required to the siting and appearance of the development proposed and, if so, to give or refuse such approval and to serve that decision upon the applicant.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application and accompanying plans at;

Wokingham District Council
Shute End
Wokingham

Individuals and organisations wishing to make representation about the siting and appearance of the proposed development are invited to forward their views in writing no later than 22 March 2000 to;

M Thorp
Wokingham District Council
Shute End
Wokingham
RG40 1WR

Clearly stating that comments are being forwarded in relation to the proposed development of a ground-based telegraph pole at;
South Grass Verge, Opp 'Ye Olde Leathern Bottle', Barkham Road, Wokingham, RG41 4BY
OS Grid Ref. Easting 479593 Northing 167870

Signed: _____ Dated: 23 February 2000

On Behalf of: Orange PCS Ltd

NB For enquiries relating to any issues regarding this site please call the Orange Freephone information line, the number is 0800 7835021, which is open 09.00 to 21.00hrs, Monday to Friday.
If calling please quote the following number: **BRK7040**

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Patrick Farfan
ASSOCIATES LIMITED

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Wokingham District Council
Planning Services
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Wokingham
RG40 1WR

FAO Mike Thorp

22 February 2000

Dear Sir,

ORANGE PCS Ltd. Microcell Site BRK7040, Barkham Road, Wokingham

Notice of intention to install telecommunications apparatus pursuant to:

1. The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (Schedule 2 Part 24).
2. The licence granted to Orange Personal Communications Limited under Section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984.

I confirm that we act on behalf of Orange PCS Ltd in submitting this notification.

Orange Personal Communications Services Ltd is a Telecommunications Code System Operator. Under the terms of the licence issued by the DTI, Orange is under an obligation to provide a national telecommunications service and to meet all reasonable customer demands for the provision of that service.

The Orange Network is in direct commercial competition with other communications systems such as BT and cable operators. As a result their customers expect a reasonable level of service within buildings both at home and at work.

Orange are sensitive to the fact that many locations do not lend themselves to the siting of Macrocells, commonly Rooftop Stub Masts or 15m high lattice masts or Columns with a 12m² fenced compound from a siting and appearance aspect.

With a requirement to provide a service to residential and commercial properties, in keeping with the Code of Best Practice, Orange have taken advantage of improvements in technology to reduce visual impact and developed the Microcell.

This is a stand alone steel telegraph pole, mounted antenna. It has been designed to match existing street furniture such as lampposts, BT and electricity poles.

However, unlike BT or Cable Operators, Orange do not need to site telegraph poles every 30m or so, they do not need to install overhead lines or dig up miles of footway and carriageway, to provide a communications connection to every commercial and residential property.

Orange need only deploy one or two carefully sited telegraph poles to provide coverage to an entire residential area, village, business or retail park. The telegraph pole and cabinet can even be painted to match a particular Local Authority colour scheme if required.

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Patrick Farfan
ASSOCIATES LIMITED

Orange Personal Communications Ltd hereby give notice as required under the terms of their Licence and make application for determination with regard to details of siting and appearance pursuant to Part 24, Class A, Condition A.2(4) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 in respect of the following development:

The erection of a free-standing telegraph pole maximum 8m in height with 1 directional antenna will be installed. In conjunction with the above column, an equipment cabinet will also be installed with an overall dimension of 0.94 cubic metres.

Location.	OS Grid Ref: 479593E. 167870N.
Address.	South Grass Verge, Opposite 'Ye Olde Leathern Bottle', Barkham Road, Wokingham, RG41 4BY
Enclosures:	Planning Drawing No 30/BRK7040F/01
	Location plan (1:1250)
	Site Layout plan (1:250)
	Elevations of column and cabinet (1:100)
	Annex C from the Code of Best Practice.
	Prescribed Fee. £35.00
	Copy of Site Notice

The location was chosen for the following reasons:
1. It will improve coverage including in building coverage and call capacity in the surrounding area, particularly towards The Magnolia Way housing development.
2. The location will maximise coverage and limit the number of installations required.
3. The column is sited in grass verge, therefore will not cause any obstruction to pedestrians.
4. The location is on a main road with existing 8m high lampposts, therefore this telegraph pole antenna will not be out of context with the area, and cannot be a siting issue in relation to residential properties.
5. The location will not encroach into visibility splays of traffic using adjacent roads or property accesses.
6. There are no existing structures in the required area suitable for this installation.

This site was originally refused prior approval for a location on Laurel Close (your ref TL113), the Orange radio engineers have managed to reconfigure the sites to enable this site to be in a more acceptable location, ie. on a main road with existing high mast lighting and BT telegraph poles.

The telegraph pole and cabinet will be sited within adopted highway under the powers granted to Orange PCS Ltd as a statutory undertaker, Schedule 2 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 as discussed with Graham Barnwell, Highways Department. Mr Barnwell has approved the site in principal at a meeting on 18 February, he is satisfied that we have chosen an acceptable site location *to suit all parties involved, he will receive a copy of the drawing formally aking for his approval.*

All communication regarding this notice should be made to myself at the address and telephone number given above.

Yours faithfully

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Gary Patterson
Acquisition and Build Consultant (mobile. 07971 567388)
Enc.

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1: Pre-Application Consultation with Local Planning Authority

(i) Licence notification i.e. pre roll out of network Date.....

Name of L.P.A. Contact.....

Phone # of L.P.A. contact.....

(ii) On sites in specific cell(s) Date.....31/01/00.....

Name of L.P.A. Contact.... .....Joss Miller.....

Phone # of L.P.A. contact.....0118 974 6000.....

2A: Name and Address of Applicant

Name... .....Orange PCS Ltd.....

Address.....Black Arrow House, 2 Chandos Road, London.....

Postcode.....NW10 6NF..... Tel.....0181 963 4100.....

2B: Agent's Name, Address and Contact

Name...Patrick Farfan Associates Ltd..... .....

Address. Unit C Quay West, Salamander Quay, Park Lane, Harefield, Middlesex.....

Postcode.....UB9 6NZ..... Tel ...01895 823700.....

Contact....Gary Patterson..... Tel....01895 823700.....

2C: Location of Proposal

Location:South Verge,Opp 'Olde Leathern Bottle', Barkham Rd,Wokingham, RG41 4BY

2D: O.S. Sheet / Grid Reference

Sheet and six figure grid reference of proposed development

Sheet.....175..... Grid Reference.....E 479593 N 167870.....

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3: Purpose of Development

To enhance the radio signal to Orange mobile phone users at street level and in buildings where the use of a Macrocell site would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the area. To allow customers to operate their handsets without interuptions to their conversations, as could reasonably be expected by phone users.

4: The Proposed Structure *(Enclose a site plan and indicate details of cell boundaries, and whether shared mast / tower or freestanding)*

(i) Type of Structure (e.g. tower, mast etc):...Telegraph Pole.....

.Overall height.... 8 ..metres

(ii) Equipment Housing

Street cabinet of overall dimension 0.94 cubic metres.

(iii) Materials (as applicable) Tower / mast etc: type of material and external colour

.....Galvanised steel (grey).....

Equipment housing: type of material and external colour

.....Steel,.Midnight Green (BS4800 12B 29).....

(iv) Location of and Distance to nearest residential or commercial property (where applicable)
Site is in adopted highway on roadside, nearest commercial building is pub opposite, approx 25m, nearest house is approx 55m.

5: Distance from Airfield or Aerodrome (Please tick as appropriate)

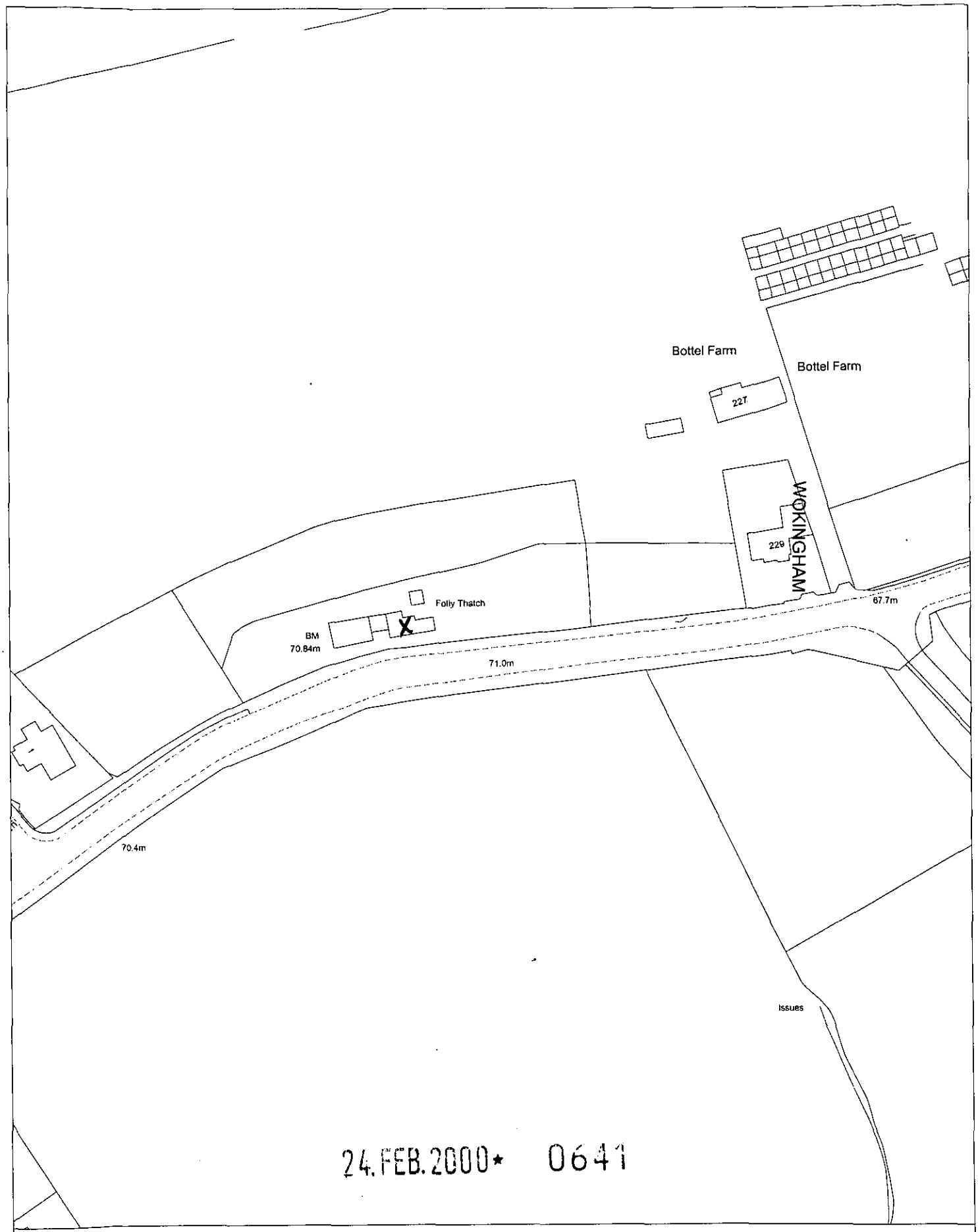
Will the structure be within 3 km of an aerodrome or airfield? ..... No.....

Has the CAA or Secretary of State for Defence been notified? ..... No.....

Signed..... Date..22.02.2000.....

On behalf of.....OPCS Ltd.....

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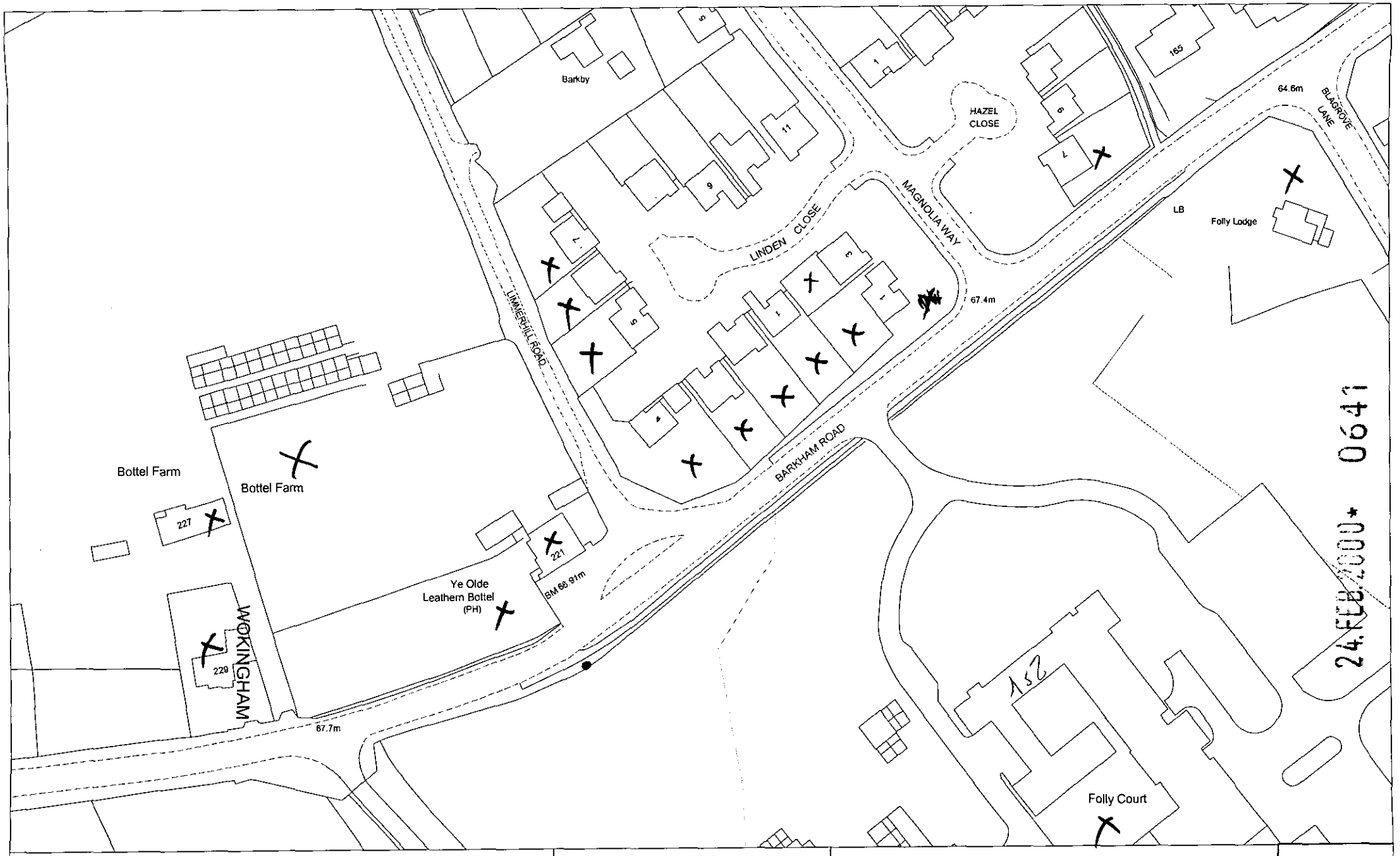
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