

Date: 2 September 2026
Application: 262068



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Dear WBC Ecology,

PD Telecommunications 28 days Consultation

Application Number: 262068

Applicant: Mr Mohammed Gumel

Site Address: Land Adjacent To 9a Weller Drive Wokingham

Parish: Finchampstead

Grid Reference: Easting - 477132, Northing - 164753

Type of Development:

Proposal: Prior approval submission for the installation of an essential replacement electronic communications apparatus comprising slimline lattice mast, 3 no. aerials, 2 no. transmission dishes, 1 no. GPS aerial, radio equipment housing and development ancillary to radio equipment housing.

Case Officer: Joanna Carter

Development Management has received the above application, and we require your comments on the proposal using the recommended memorandum below. The documents associated with this are available to view in NEC DM using the application number 262068. Alternatively, public documents are available to view on the Council's planning application search page: [Wokingham Borough Council Online Planning](#).

Please index your response into NEC DM against the application. If you are recommending conditions, you should give a reason with reference to relevant policies. A list of standard conditions can be requested from the case officer.

Your observations are required in respect of this application by **24 September 2026**.

Yours sincerely,
Development Management & Compliance

MEMORANDUM

From:	Cath Holwill		
Service	WBC Ecology	App No:	262068
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Type of Development:			
Site Visit Made:	No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☐ No comment
- ☐ No objection
- ☐ No objection subject to conditions (and reasons) **stated below**
- ☒ Request further information before determination as **stated below**
- ☐ Objection due to the reason(s) **stated below**

Comments On Proposal

The site is an area of grassland at the rear end of an area of industrial units. The proposed site lies directly adjacent to an area of woodland to the north and north west. There is a relatively large pond within this woodland and less than 20 metres to the north of the site – this is directly connected to the proposed site by the woodland and other vegetated habitat. The site also lies within a “red Zone” on the NatureSpace Great Crested Newt Impact Risk Map.

It is proposed to erect a variety of telecommunications apparatus including 27.5m high antennae. A small tree will be removed and the siting will require local pruning although no further details are provided on the extent of this pruning.

No ecological information has been submitted with the application and given the location of the proposed works and vegetation clearance and ground disturbance, further information is needed to demonstrate that the proposals will not result in adverse impacts to GCN and the surrounding trees. The information should detail the entire extent of vegetation removal, ground disturbance associated with all construction and preparation works.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

Date:	14/9/26	Signed:	C Holwill
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