APPLICATION NO:

TL/2000/3003

LOCATION:

Reading Cricket& Hockey Club Sonning Lane, Sonning Reading.

APPLICANT:

Dolphin Telecommunications L C/O Don *Proctor Planning*

PROPOSAL:

Proposed erection of 13 metre high monopole with 3 cross polar antennas, 2 parabollic antennas and equipment cabin and compound fence.

EARLIEST DATE FOR DECISION: **12/01/2001**

APPLICATION WILL HAVE EXPIRED ON: 26/01/2001

CASE OFFICER: **Joss Miller**

SYSTEMS LTD

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WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS

REFUSAL OF PRIOR APPROVAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS NOTIFICATION

Mr D Proctor
Charter Cottage
Horse Ware
Over
Cambridge
CB4 5NX

Notification No: TL/2000/3003

Parish: Sonning

Proposal: Proposed erection of 13 metre high monopole with three cross polar antennas, two parabollic antennas and one equipment cabin.

Location: Land at Reading Cricket and Hockey Club, Sonning Lane, Sonning.

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.

1. The proposal is unacceptable in view of its proximity to playing fields.

Date: 22 January 2001

Development Control Manager

WORK SHEET FOR : Joss Miller

Application Number : TL/2000/3003

Applicant : Dolphin Telecommunications L C/O Don Proctor Planning.

Location : Reading Cricket& Hockey Club, Sonning Lane, Sonning, Reading.

Proposal : Proposed erection of 13 metre high monopole with 3 cross polar antennas, 2 parabollic antennas and equipment cabin and compound fence.

Site Notice Displayed ? :

YES	NO	DATE
✓		29/12/00

Date of Neighbour Notifications : .....

Date of Site Visit : .....29/12/00.....

Date Registered : 15/12/2000

Earliest Date for Decision : 12/01/2001

Latest Consultation Date/Site Notice Expiry Date : 12/01/2001

This application will have expired on: 26/01/2001. You need to make a decision 1 day prior to this date for this application to count as determined in less than 8 weeks.

Consultation Responses :

Neighbours x 16 - object - Health & visual impact
Highways - No objection
Env. Health - No objection
Property - see sheet.
Sonning PC - Object - visual amenity

Planning Issues :

Effect on street scene & neighbouring properties.
Countryside & Green gap.

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Appraisal :

This application is for the erection of a 15m high monopole.

Neighbours
All neighbours are at least 60m from the monopole, therefore any impact relation to them will be minimised. However, the mast will be within 60m of the hockey ~~Street~~ playing fields and this is considered that close to allow the application to be approved.

Street scene
The mast is a monopole & is set approx 12m from the highway. There is some screening but they are fairly thin. However, the monopole is not sufficiently detrimental to the Street scene, countryside or Green Gap to warrant a refusal.

Recomendation : Approval: ☐ **Refusal:** ☒
(tick appropriate box)

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Conditions/Reasons for Refusal

No	Std Con	Std Reas	Non Std Conditions / Reasons for Refusal
			Refuse due to proximity of mast to dwelling fields

RECORD OF SITE VISIT

SITE ADDRESS: Reading Cricket& Hockey Club Sonning Lane Sonning Reading.

APPLICATION NUMBER: TL/2000/3003

OFFICER: Joss Miller

DATE OF SITE VISIT: 29/12

1 SITE/STATUTORY NOTICE DISPLAYED ? ✓

2. DESCRIPTION OF SURROUNDINGS

Rural area.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SITE/BUILDING

fairly open except boundary see below.

4. RELATIONSHIP TO ADJOINING PROPERTIES

Surrounded by playing fields

5. SITE CONSTRAINTS

TREES \

ACCESS/PARKING

LEVELS 1/1 of site slightly raised 1.5m high boundary bank.

BOUNDARY TREATMENT 3m trees/shrubery on boundary

OTHERS \

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Joss Miller
Case Office, Environmental Services
Wokingham District Council
Shute End
Wokingham RG40 1WR

Dear Sir

Planning Application No TL/2000/3003

We wish to express serious concern over the above Planning Application.

Our objection to this ugly construction is that its proposed site is in an area closely surrounded by, not one, but three schools, including a Nursery School, and that as yet, safety from such constructions is unproven. The possible radiation from masts such as these could be dangerous to the environment. These masts are springing up all around this area, at least three being already erected.

Another concern is that we have only just heard of this application because it seems that only one house in our road has been sent information concerning this project. Why is this?

Sonning is a place of particular beauty which is being spoilt by more and more construction such as this. We therefore wish to place our objections on record.

Yours faithfully

D. M. Turner (Mrs)

Ian Jordan

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Sent: 17 January 2001 14:50
To: ian.jordan@wokingham.gov.uk
Subject: Comments on Planning Applications

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NatureofEmail: Object
ApplicationNumber: TL/2000/3003
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Correspondent_StreetAddress: May Tree Cottage
Correspondent_Address2: Sonning Lane
Correspondent_Town: Sonning
Correspondent_County: Berkshire
Correspondent_PostCode: RG4 6ST
Correspondent_Telephone:
Correspondent_Email:

Comments:

I wish to object to the proposal on the following grounds:

1. A mobile phone mast is inappropriate in an area which was described only a few years ago by a planning inspector as the "green belt" between Sonning and Woodley.

2. The monopole offers a possible health risk to residents. Although research is so far inconclusive, some laboratory experiments suggest that non-ionising radiation could have damaging biological effects, and the UK National Radiological Protection Board has so far only considered possible thermal effects. After the BSE crisis, surely a precautinary approach to a potential risk is sensible. It has been suggested that all mobile phone base transmitters should not be sited less than 500 metres away from sensitive areas such as schools and domestic residences, and this limit is being adopted in parts of America, New Zealand and Australia.

If permission is to be granted despite residents objections, perhaps the mast could still be sited on the boundary between the County Sports Club and the Cricket and Hockey Club, but equi-distant from Sonning Lane and the A4 (as opposed to being adjacent to Sonning Lane). This would mean the mast is as far away as possible from residential properties, and would have less environmental impact as it would not then dominate Sonning Lane.

Tel: (0118) 974 6463

Date:

My ref: TL/2000/3003

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Dear Councillor

Application Number: TL/2000/3003
Reading Cricket& Hockey Club, Sonning Lane, Sonning, Reading.
Proposed erection of 13 metre high monopole with 3 cross polar antennas, 2 parabollic antennas and equipment cabin and compound fence.

I write to let you know that the above mentioned application has been recommended for APPROVAL: ☐ REFUSAL: ☐ under delegated powers.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact **Joss Miller** on **(0118) 974 6463.** If you then feel the application needs to be transferred to the next available Development Control Committee for decision please fill in the form below.
This form must be received no later than _____

Yours faithfully

John Mitchell
Development Control Manager

LISTING FORM
Case officer: **Joss Miller** Application Number: **TL/2000/3003**
Reading Cricket& Hockey Club, Sonning Lane, Sonning, Reading.
Proposed erection of 13 metre high monopole with 3 cross polar antennas, 2 parabollic antennas and equipment cabin and compound fence.

Transfer: Yes ☐ No ☐
Reason for Transfer:
_____
_____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Councillor N Rose

NB. It would be helpful for speedy decision making if you could respond, even if you do not wish this application to be transferred.

15 Dec 2000

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HEALTH AND SAFETY STATEMENT

1. In view of the high level of public interest on health and safety associated with mobile phones, the Department of Health set up the Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones (IEGMP) under Sir William Stewart. The IEGMP undertook a full review of all research on the subject relating to both thermal and non-thermal effects and received oral and written evidence from a large number of interested persons. This included evidence from scientists who have been at the forefront of bringing to public attention potential concerns associated with alleged non-thermal effects, such as headaches, sleep disorders, epilepsy and leukemia.

2. The IEGMP's report was made public on 11 May 2000 and the government published its response on the same day.

3. The main finding of the IEGMP was that the balance of evidence to date suggests exposure to radio frequency radiation within current guidelines issued by the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) does not cause adverse health effects to the general population; but more research should be undertaken.

4. In the light of this finding, a precautionary approach was recommended, as encapsulated in the recommendations of the IEGMP. In its response, the government has accepted that a precautionary approach should be adopted as recommended by the IEGMP.

5. Further clarification about this was provided in a circular letter sent on 29 June 2000 by the Minister for Housing and Planning. The Minister indicated that whilst the government is presently reviewing planning policy and related guidance, for the time being the current legislative arrangements and policy guidance apply.

6. Currently, existing health and safety legislation falls under the responsibility of the Health and Safety Executive (the HSE), and through this public safety issues associated with radio emissions are regulated. The HSE obtains specialist advice from the National Radiological Protection Board (the NRPB). As a consequence, paragraph 37 of PPG 8 clearly indicates that radiation safety is a matter for the HSE. This applies therefore the usual principle of non-duplication between controls.

7. **The Minister's letter went on to clarify that the recent report of the Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones (IEGMP) does not recommend a ban or moratorium on the construction of mobile phone masts and the government has no plans to introduce one.**

8. **The Minister's letter clarifies further that although the IEGMP recommended a precautionary approach that does not mean that individual local authorities should introduce their own precautionary policies.**

9. Hence, the Minister indicated that provided the International Commission for Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) guidelines will be met, as recommended by

the IEGMP on a precautionary basis, it should not be necessary for a local planning authority, in processing an application, to consider the health effects further.

10. Under the ICNIRP guidelines there is a requirement for a safety exclusion zone. This will be a maximum of 8.5 metres from the face of the antennas, i.e. projecting at the same height of the antennas at their proposed position on the structure. This will not be accessible to any member of the general public. For employees or contractors visiting the site to work on the structure and/or antennas, clearly defined warning signs and physical barriers will exist to prevent inadvertent access to areas that might be within the ICNIRP threshold.

11. *In all areas accessible to the public the existing installation already complies with the ICNIRP guidelines. (If applicable)*

12. *Further (if applicable)* confirmation can be given that the *new (if applicable)* equipment proposed will comply with the standards adopted by ICNIRP in all areas accessible by the public.

13. This is illustrated by an independent audit carried out by the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) on 17 mobile phone base stations and supplied as evidence to the IEGMP (NRPB Ref: NRPB R321). This found that the highest measured public exposure from radio frequency transmissions was 0.2% of the ICNIRP guidelines, while typical average exposures were 0.002% of the guidelines. The proposed equipment will have the same or very similar operating characteristics as all mobile phone base stations and so will also fall well within the ICNIRP exposure guidelines.

14. Public perception of risk, even if based on unsubstantiated concerns, can be a material planning consideration. However, that is not something to which any weight should be attached, particularly compared to the advice and guidance provided by the HSE and NRPB, the bodies with statutory responsibility. This is clear from the long-standing guidance found in Circular 8/93.

15. This statement therefore provides all the information required under current policy and there are no reasons related to health and safety to prevent the development from going ahead.

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The Head of Planning and Transportation
Wokingham District Council
Civic Offices
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11th December 2000

Dear Sir

Application for Prior Approval Under Condition A.2(4A) of Part 24 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended) for permitted development proposed by Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd for a telecommunications installation at Reading Cricket and Hockey Club, Sonning Lane, Sonning, Reading, RG4 6ST.

Applicants Reference: 21495 - 1561

Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd have been licenced to provide a personal communications network (PCN) within the United Kingdom. In order to facilitate this the Company has been conferred the status of a public telecommunications Code System Operator. PCN systems are designated as public telecommunications systems under Section 9 of the Telecommunications Act 1984.

We are writing on behalf of Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd in order to apply for a determination as to whether the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority would be required to the siting and design of the proposed development and if so for a determination accordingly.

Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd propose the installation of a radio base station for the Dolphin Telecommunications network comprising a 13m high monopole with three cross polar antennas with orientation at 13°, 133° and 253° and two parabollic antennas (orientation to be confirmed), an equipment cabin of 3.76 x 2.58 x 2.90m high on a concrete foundation, both within a compound enclosed by a chain link fence with an overall height of 2.4 m with a 3 m wide access gate, all to be accessed from the adjacent gravelled car park area.

We attach the following documentation:-

1. A completed application form as prescribed by Annex C of the Code of Best Practice for Local Planning Authorities and Telecommunications Code System Operators, March 1996, published by the Department of the Environment.

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2. A copy of the following drawings:-

DTL/HSB/21495/001, an area location plan at 1:25,000 scale
DTL/HSB/21495/002, a site location plan at 1:1250 scale
DTL/HSB/21495/003, a site layout plan at 1:200 scale
DTL/HSB/21495/004, elevations a) and b) at 1:200 scale and a monopole plan at 1:50 scale.

3. A cheque in the sum of £35.00, the requisite fee, and

4. A copy of the site notice displayed in accordance with sub-paragraph (4A)(b)(ii) of Part 24 of the above Order, the location of the Notice is illustrated on Drawing DTL/HSB/21495/003.

5. A Health and Safety Statement.

This installation will enable the roll-out of Dolphin's network to enable them to meet their Licence requirements.

The Network

Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd have been awarded a Licence which confers powers "to run telecommunication systems of every description within the United Kingdom (the Applicable Systems)".

As explained above, they have the benefit of permitted development rights as contained in Part 24 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995.

Dolphin will develop a Trans-European Trunked Radio Access system (Tetra). This is a new open digital trunked radio standard which is defined by the European Telecommunications Standardisation Institute (ETSI) to meet the needs of the most demanding professional mobile radio users.

Tetra has been designed from the start to be multi-functioned. The multi-traffic profile of Tetra allows, for instance, the same equipment to be used for simultaneous voice and data communication. This allows data such as site plans, maps, operating instructions to be sent in parallel with voice communication. This function will be particularly useful for the Police, Fire and Ambulance Services and for public utilities. The UK network may comprise some 450-700 cell sites.

It is not necessary here to rehearse Government planning policy guidance which encourages the growth of new and existing telecommunications systems and encourages Local Planning Authorities to be alive to the special needs and technical problems and telecommunications development, which will be familiar to your Authority.

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Health and Safety

Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd are aware of the high level of public interest on health and safety issues associated with mobile phones and the findings and recommendations of the Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones, chaired by Sir William Stewart.

A Health and Safety Statement dealing with these issues as they are relevant to Dolphin's proposals is attached to this submission and confirms that the proposed equipment operates well within the ICNIRP (International Commission for Non-Ionising Radiation Protection) guidelines.

Site Selection

The selection of a site involves finding a location from which the radio transmitter provides adequate coverage of the local population or traffic routes, taking into account topography, high buildings and other "ground clutter" which may obstruct radio propagation, and is on land which can be made available to Dolphin.

In this instance our client intends to erect a radio base station for the Dolphin Telecommunications Network. This site is within the cell search radius capable of giving the required coverage to the specific propogation area.

My clients have undertaken various searches for a suitable site within this cell search area and consider this to be the optimum site available in planning and commercial terms.

They have, for example, looked at the existing police mast in the vicinity but this unfortunately land is being sold.

They have also investigated the existing Orange mast in the centre of Woodley, but this is too far from the required coverage area.

They have also investigated various sites in and around Holme Park Farm, two sites in particular including the disused water tower but the owners are unwilling to provide a suitable site.

The benefits of the site the subject of this submission are that it is in the corner of the Club site and adjacent to substantial hedgerows and trees, providing screening and is also seen in most viewpoints in association with the existing floodlights.

Height of Installation

The height proposed at 13m is sufficient for providing the necessary coverage and is at a similar height to the existing floodlights in close proximity, (12m). It is also set down from the adjacent Sonning Lane road embankment and these factors together with the adjacent tree screens on two sides means that from many viewpoints only the antennas themselves and the upper part of the monopole will be visible from public vantage points.

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It is our understanding that, in accordance with condition A.2(4)(iv) and (v), unless we receive your determination in writing within 42 days of your receipt of this letter and accompanying application stating that prior approval will be required, and an approval or refusal as appropriate, then Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd will be free to proceed with this development.

We trust the above background information and the attached documentation is sufficient to allow you to determine this submission but please let us know if you require further information at this stage.

Yours faithfully

Don Proctor, Dip.TP, MRTPI
for Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd

15 Dec 2000
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INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY AN APPLICATION FOR PRIOR APPROVAL DETERMINATION UNDER PART 24 OF THE GPDO IN RESPECT OF PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CODE SYSTEM OPERATORS

1. PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

(i) Licence notification i.e. pre rollout of network Date APRIL 1999

Name of LPA contact BOROUGH PLANNING OFFICER

(ii) On sites in specific cell(s) Date OCT 2000

Name of LPA contact NICHOLA HACKE

2A. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT

Name DOLPHIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD, THE CRESCENT,

Address JAYS CLOSE, BASINGSTOKE, HANTS

Postcode RG22 4BS Tel 01256 / 811822

2B. AGENT'S NAME, ADDRESS AND CONTACT

Name DON PROCTOR PLANNING, QUARTER COTTAGE,

Address HORSE WARE, OVER, CAMBS

Postcode CB4 5NX Tel 01954 / 231929

Contact DON PROCTOR

2C. LOCATION OF PROPOSAL

Location READING CRICKET AND HOCKEY CLUB, SONNING

2D. O.S. SHEET/GRID REFERENCE

Sheet and six figure grid reference of proposed development

Sheet ..... Grid reference 7560 7461

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SITE NOTICE

Proposed development at READING CRICKET AND HOCKEY CLUB

I give notice that DON PROCTOR PLANNING

on behalf of DOLPHIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD

is applying to WOKINGHAM DC

under paragraph A.2(4A) of Part 24 of Schedule 2 to 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

15 M MONOPOLE AND EQUIPMENT CABIN

Under Part 24 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, WOKINGHAM DC 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

COUNCIL OFFICES, SHUTE END, WOKINGHAM RG40 1BN

Individuals and organisations wishing to make representations about the siting and appearance of the proposed development are invited to forward their views in writing no later than 5/1/2001 to WOKINGHAM DC clearly stating that comments are being forwarded in relation to the proposed development of TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION

at READING CRICKET AND HOCKEY CLUB

SIGNED: Russell Proctor D PROCTOR

ON BEHALF OF: DOLPHIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD

DATED: 12/12/2000

Applicationo	Name & Address
TL/2000/3003	Mr V Morris 4 Sonning Meadows Sonning RG4 6XB
TL/2000/3003	E Venner Cherry Cottage 8 Old Bath road Sonning RG4 6TA
TL/2000/3003	Prof & Mrs A Wild Midway 14 Old Bath Road Sonning Berkshire
TL/2000/3003	Mrs D Teasdale 11 South Drive Sonning RG4 6GB
TL/2000/3003	J & A Denbin Greenway Sonning Lane Sonning RG4 6ST
TL/2000/3003	R Gill Royal County of Berkshire Sports & Social Club Sonning Lane Sonning RG4 6ST
TL/2000/3003	R Newton Holmelea Sonning Lane Sonning RG4 6ST
TL/2000/3003	A Wilkins Chyreen 10 Holmemoor Drive Sonning RG4
TL/2000/3003	Mr & Mrs J Tempel 18 Old Bath Road Sonning RG4 6TA
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TL/2000/3003 R & G Lim
Imbers
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Sonning
RG4 6GB

TL/2000/3003 Mr & Mrs D Howes
Uplands
Sonning Lane
RG4 6ST

TL/2000/3003 Mrs M Lee
May Tree Cottage
Sonning Lane
RG4 6ST

TL/2000/3003 Mr G Murray-Smith
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App. refused
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Date. 12 January, 2001

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Your ref. 21495 - 1561

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Mr D Proctor
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Dear Mr Proctor,

RE: PROPOSED ERECTION OF 13 METRE HIGH MONOPOLE WITH THREE CROSS POLAR ANTENNAS, TWO PARABOLLIC ANTENNAS AND ONE EQUIPMENT CABIN AT READING CRICKET AND HOCKEY CLUB, SONNING LANE, SONNING (TL/2000/3003)

I refer to your notification of a 13 metre high monopole with three cross polar antennas, two parabollic antennas and one equipment cabin at Reading Cricket and Hockey Club, Sonning Lane, Sonning.

I write to formally advise you that the Local Planning Authority requires prior approval of this scheme due to its proximity to places of work and recreation grounds.

I would be grateful if you could submit revised drawings within 10 days of the date of this letter showing the proposal substantially further away from any sensitive issues.

Yours sincerely

M L THORP

Principal Development Control Officer

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WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION SHEET TO: ACK: FILE:

PLANNING APPLICATION. APPLICATION No. TL/2000/3003

Officer JOSS MILLER

Parish SONNING.

Proposal ERECTION OF 13 METRE HIGH MONOPOLE WITH 3 CROSS POLAR ANTENNAS, 2 PARABOLLIC ANTENNAS & EQUIPMENT CABIN & COMPOUND FENCE.

Address READING CRICKET & HOCKEY CLUB SONNING LANE.

Applicant DOLPHIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD C/O DON PROCTOR PLANNING.

The Parish Council has the following comments.

1. The Council's strong objections to such structures in the Parish and surrounding areas are already on record. Proximity to residential properties, educational facilities and the impact such structures will have on the visual appearance of a Conservation village being the main objections.

2. It is understood that the proposed structure is over 60 metres, the criteria imposed by WDC on health grounds, from the closest residential property. It is still however very close to several properties in Sonning Lane and will be clearly visible from these properties. The mast is much higher than any surrounding tree and will be clearly visible from surrounding residential areas and from the Conservation Area. Further the height stated in the application not the full height of the structure, which will rise to 16.5 metres above ground level when the antennas are in position. There is no way that this can be camouflaged or screened and the structure will have an overbearing impact on an otherwise semi-rural area and the Conservation Area.

3. Although not an educational establishment the tower is adjacent to the practice pitch which is used by Club members of all ages including young people. The Council wonders at the wisdom of positioning this structure, which could expose young members to a potential health hazard. No doubt the members will make their own concerns known to the Club.

4. The Council is surprised that those intent on installing these structures have failed to make use of existing structures, lighting columns etc., to mount their equipment on. This would avoid the necessity of additional visual intrusions so close to a Conservation Area. Although against such structures

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in the Parish the Council would find this marginally more acceptable, providing the proposal fitted other Parish Council criteria.

5. For the above reasons the Parish Council urges Wokingham District Council to refuse this application.

L. A. Bates (Clerk to the Council). 12 JANUARY 2001

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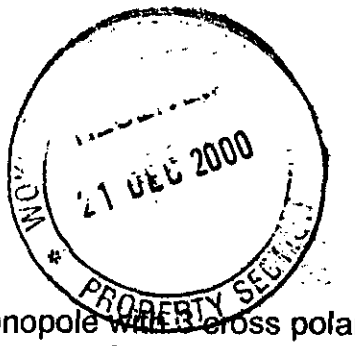
~~To:~~ From
Property Dept

To
~~**From:**~~ Joss Miller Development Control



Date: 19 December 2000

Application Number: TL/2000/3003

Proposal: Proposed erection of 13 metre high monopole with 3 cross polar antennas, 2 parabollic antennas and equipment cabin and compound fence..

Site Address:
Reading Cricket& Hockey Club, Sonning Lane, Sonning, Reading.

Applicant:
Dolphin Telecommunications L C/O Don Proctor Planning.

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

The Council is the freehold owner of the land to which this application relates, however the site was let to Reading Cricket and Hockey Club for a term of 999 years in 1984. As the Council is not the owner of any of the buildings on this site, and when consideration is given to the length of the lease term granted, we would not be involved in the negotiations for this proposal between Dolphin Telecommunication and the club.

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Regards

Daniel Cowin
Estates Surveyor
Property Services

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From: Joanne Ellis
Environmental Health

To: Joss Miller
Planning

My Ref: JPE/aky/20003895

Your Ref:

Date. 2nd January 2001

PROPOSED: ERECTION OF 13 METRE HIGH MONOPOLE WITH 3 CROSS POLAR ANTENNAS, 2 PARABOLLIC ANTENNAS AND EQUIPMENT CABIN AND COMPOUND FENCE

LOCATION: READING CRICKET CLUB, SONNING LANE, SONNING

These proposals have been evaluated and I have no environmental health 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 Chartered Institute of Environmental Healths current policy states that;

(a) despite a growing body of research, there is currently no convincing evidence that environmental exposure to electromagnetic fields (emf) generated by the transmission of electricity or mobile telephony is harmful to human health, including that of children;
(b) that there is no justification on health grounds for restricting the public use of land other than immediately around power and mobile telecommunications installations. Conversely, there is no justification for restricting the siting of such installations in proximity to other land uses:
(c) that public concerns about the effects of electromagnetic fields while in our current state of knowledge apparently without foundation, should nonetheless be recognised as genuine.
(d) The full effects of emfs on humans may not yet be realised and though it can never be conclusive, there remains a need for continuing, properly funded, independent research into the nature, extent and relevance of those effects and the consequent adequacy of prevailing exposure guidelines.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Joanne Ellis
Snr Environmental Health Officer
Environmental Protection & Housing

HIGHWAYS CONSULTATION SHEET

From: Joss Miller **Date:** 19 December 2000

Application Number: TL/2000/3003

Proposal: Proposed erection of 13 metre high monopole with 3 cross polar antennas, 2 *parabollic antennas and equipment cabin and compound fence.*

Parish: SONNING PARISH

Site Address:
Reading Cricket& Hockey Club, Sonning Lane, Sonning, Reading.

Applicant:
Dolphin Telecommunications L C/O Don Proctor Planning.

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

✓ 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).

Signed: _____ **Print name:** Adam Coggins 3/1/01

11 South Drive
Sonning-on-Thames
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Telephone: 01189693056

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Mr Jose Miller
base Office.
P.O. Box 157
Council Offices.
Shute End.
Wokingham RG 40 1WR

Dear Sir.

Re 11/2000/3003

I am writing to object to the erection of a monopole Pole in the grounds of the Reading Hockey & Cricket Club in Sonning Lane.

Whilst I personally may not see the monopole Pole from my home, I feel I must object on behalf of the residents of Sonning Lane who endure excessive traffic en route to the river bridge & the club itself. They do not need an unsightly pole in full view, which

is also a possible health hazard
I understand that application is to erect
a similar pole on other sites in the
area have been turned down

There has been no attempt to notify
the residents in the immediate vicinity.
and no consultation.

Yours faithfully,

D.B. Teasdale

(MRS. D. B. TEASDALE)

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Molaris
10 South Drive
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5.1.01.

Dear Sirs,

I have just heard, quite by accident, of the proposal to erect a 13 metre high mono pole Together with other things in the ground of the Cricket & Hockey Club in Sonning Lane.

Bearing in mind the close proximity of this club to South Drive I am rather surprised we have not been given an opportunity to object, particularly in view of the fact people living further away have received notice. My husband has this morning delivered a Parish Magazine to the club and he did not see any notice there either. Surely it should be in a conspicuous place not where it cannot be seen even if you are actively looking for it.

We wish to object in the strongest way to this proposal. Firstly because of the health risks & secondly to the further eyesores that this once lovely village is being subjected to.

Yours faithfully

F.M. Lawrence



Case Officer,
Application No. TL/2000/3003
WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL,
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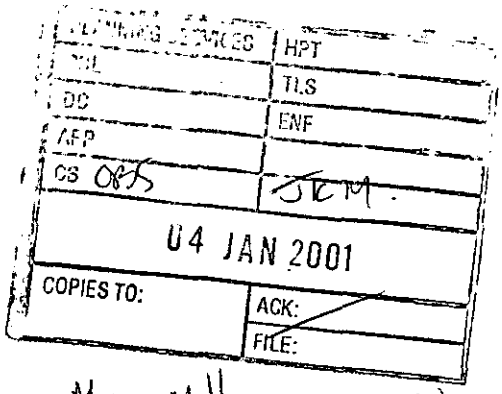

Mrs J. A. Wild,
Midway
14 Old Bath Road,
SONNING,
Berks RG4 6TA

2nd January, 2001

Dear Ms Miller, TC/2000/3003

I am writing to oppose the plan to erect a telecommunication mast in the grounds of Reading Cricket and Hockey club on three grounds:-

(1) The fears about health to people in the vicinity of these masts, especially children, and the fact that this particular mast will be close to both a school and a nursery school.

(2) The unsightly nature of such masts and their proliferation cannot be good for our own personal environment. Nobody wants a world of concrete instead of grass and telecommunication masts instead of trees.

(3) It is my understanding that Reading Cricket & Hockey club were only allowed to occupy the site originally if they only

erected one building in the site. Surely the erection of a brick building alongside the proposed mast contravenes the terms of their occupancy of the site?

I do hope that you will kindly take note of my objections and the objections of other residents in the area and act accordingly by refusing permission for the erection of this mast.

Yours sincerely,

S. A.

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Woodlands,
21, Old Bath Road
Sonning,
Reading RG4 6SY.

January 8th 2001.

Dear Sirs.

RE: APPLICATION NO. TL/2000/3003

READING CRICKET & HOCKEY CLUB

I live on the South side of the A4, but sufficiently near to the proposed site of this mast to feel I have a valid vote in favour or otherwise.

I strongly object to the erection of this mast, on the grounds that there is still no assurance that there are not long term health risks, especially to young children of whom there are many within a short distance of the proposed site.

Yours faithfully.

G Murray-Smith.

(MR G. MURRAY-SMITH)

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CHERRY COTTAGE
BATH RD
SONNING
READING
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Dear Mr MILLER

Further to our telecom on the 28/12/2000, I would like to register my objection to the A/M PLANNING APPLICATION FROM Dolphin Communications L.

I regard the choice of position is badly sited re:-

A, the proximity to the schools, children's nurseries, and sport facilities.

B, We know little or nothing about the affects on health, on the people in the area

C, We also do not know the affect on appliances in houses surrounding the site.

I trust the above will be regarded by yourself, and the planning committee as part if not all good reasons to reject the application.

Yours faithfully

E.E. VENNER

TEL N° 0118 9692145

Holmelea,
Goring Lane,
Goring, Berks
RG4 6ST.

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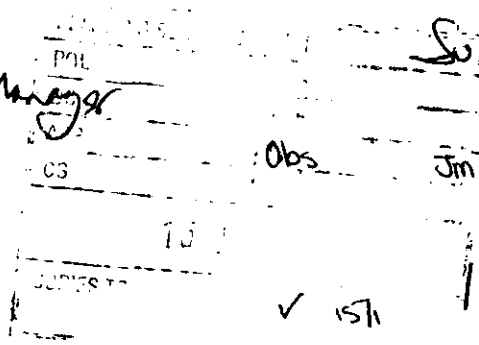
To John Mitchell
Development Control Manager
Wokingham D.C.



Dear Sir,

Application No TL/2000/0003

I am writing to raise objections as follows:-

(a) The proposed monopole is totally out of character in a rural setting.

(b) What has the monopole to do with a Hockey club apart from an attempt to make money at the expense of neighbours.

(c) From a health and safety point of view there are:-

(i) 2 schools in the vicinity.

(ii) One very large nursery

(iii) Many people playing sports at 3 sports clubs in the vicinity.

(d) This is a semi-rural residential area with open areas dedicated to sport. A commercial/industrial use like this proposal will have a damaging effect on the amenity of the area.

Yours faithfully

(R J NEWTON)

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Joss Miller, Esq.,
Case Officer,
Wokingham District Council,
PO Box 157,
Council Offices,
Shute End,
Wokingham, RG40 1WR.

By Fax + Post.

Dear Sir,

Re: TL/2000/3003.

We write to object to the above-numbered planning application.

(1) The application has neither been properly displayed nor for the requisite period;
(2) The effect of the erection on the health of residents such as ourselves may well be detrimental;
(3) The erection will be an eyesore and materially affect our view.

We comment on the points above, using the same notation:

(1) The proper procedures have not been followed, this is sufficient to defeat this Application;
(2) So far as we are aware, no statistically sound, proper, controlled, study has been carried out to prove conclusively that such erections do not pose a health hazard;
(3) The eyesore will have a depressing effect on the value of properties.

Yours faithfully,

Jack A. Denbin.

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Royal County of Berkshire Sports & Social Club

Sonning Lane, Sonning. Reading, Berkshire. RG4 6ST
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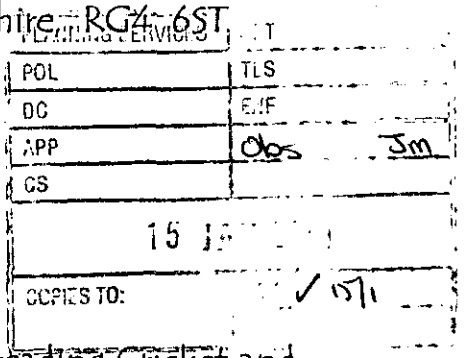

Dear Sir,

Ref: TL/2000/3003

With reference to the above planning application at reading Cricket and Hockey Club I have been instructed by my Management Committee to forward our concerns regarding the structure.

Whilst this is not a formal objection on the grounds of nuisance, noise etc, it is felt that by our silence we may be accused of silent acceptance or even complicity in the project.

Certainly, there does not appear to be enough agreement in the medical profession to negate the possibility of serious illness being caused by such a monopole and antennas, and until such health issues are conclusively resolved I would ask you to record our reservations bearing in mind the regular use of our grounds, particularly at weekends, by adults and children alike.

Yours faithfully,

Roger Gill
Club secretary

President	A.L.Hutton	Secretary	R.P.Gill
Chairman	G.A.Rush	Treasurer	L. Norris
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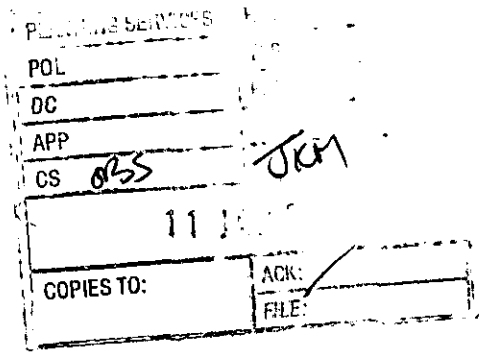

Mr Joss Miller
Case Officer
PO Box 157
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TIMBERS
South Drive
Sonning
BERKS
RG4 6GB

Tuesday 9th January 2001

Dear Sir

Re: TL/2000/3003

We are writing to register our objections to the above planning application on the following grounds:

- Erection of the monople pole will be an unpleasant eyesore, not only to the residents most affected in Holme Park Farm Lane, Sonning Lane, Sonning Meadows and those residences at the east end of South Drive, but, will also have a detrimental affect to the skyline of Sonning Parish (especially in Autumn and Winter months);
- The subsequent effect to the health of those parishioners resident in the immediate vicinity of the monopole pole is not yet established, notwithstanding, any *decrease* in the potential re-sale value of their dwellings!
- The 'display' of the Planning Application has not been in a position to enable those dis-affected residents of Sonning to be aware of such intentions. Therefore, prohibiting open and frank discussion amongst the community of the 'pros and cons' of such sighting.

We understand that the 'owners' of the monpole pole attempted to site it opposite Sonning Golf Club, the land at the junction of Holme Park Farm Lane and Sonning Lane, and at Reading Blue Coat School - but to no avail.

Why must this monopole pole be erected at Reading Hockey and Cricket Club - and who benefits?

If it is proven that the monopole pole must be erected in the vicinity of Sonning Parish, may we suggest:

- Thames Valley Business Park;
- The 'high' banks behind Reading Blue Coat School and the river Thames;
- The Parish playing fields - with the appropriate ongoing compensation to the Parish, which will enable Sonning to improve the facilities for the benefit of ALL the Sonning parishioners.

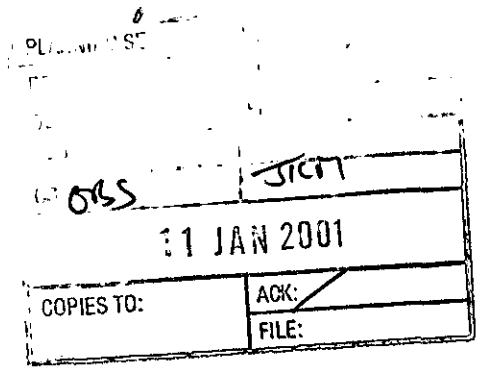
In summary, the Planning Application would appear to be proceeding with indecent haste thus not affording time for ALL the residents in Sonning to discuss and review the subsequent consequences if such Application were approved.

Sincerely

Robert W Lim

Gitta K Lim

Cc Nigel Rose, Councellor, Wokingham DC
Theresa May, MP



Wokingham District Council
Environmental Services Dept
PO Box 157
Wokingham Berkshire
RG40 1WR

Uplands
Sonning Lane
Sonning
Berks
RG4 6ST

10/01/01

Dear Sirs

Your Ref: TL/2000/3003

We are most concerned about the proposal for the telecommunications development at the Reading Cricket & Hockey Club.

For health and environmental concerns we would like to record our objection to this planning application most strongly.

Yours faithfully

Mr & Mrs D Howes

Environmental Services Department,
Planning Services,
PO Box 157,
Shute End,
Wokingham RG40 1WR

Midway,
14, Old Bath Road,
Sonning,
Reading.
5 January 2001.
Tel no 0118 9693258.

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Dear Ms Miller,

Application no. TL/2000/3003

Further to my wife's preliminary letter of 3 January which set out our objections (to the proposed erection of a 13 metre high monopole with five antennas in the grounds of Reading Cricket and Hockey Club, Sonning Lane, Sonning) in three broad terms, we ask you to refer to your Committee the following points.

1. In the time available we have been unable to obtain copies of the ICNIRP and the IEGMP (Stewart) reports. In view of this we do not know exactly what was recommended and have had to depend on the Health and Safety statement that accompanied the plans. Three points in this statement cause us considerable concern.

2. Part 3: "...the balance of evidence suggests exposure (to the radiation) does not cause adverse health effects to the general population; but more research should be undertaken". These are not the words of people who can offer guarantees that there NO risks. The very fact that "more research should be undertaken" indeed suggests the possibility that there COULD be risks,, particularly to vulnerable groups of people : children, pregnant women, the elderly and sick. To try to discount risks, and approve the present proposal before the necessary research has been done, is surely as foolish and potentially dangerous as Mr. Gummer feeding his child a beefburger and declaring that beef was safe. We now know differently about BSE. Mr. Gummer put one child at risk, but the monopole could affect many more than that.

3. Part 9: "...provided the ICNIRP guidelines (are) met it should not be necessary for a local planning authority ....to consider the health effects further".
In our opinion, and taking into account point 2 above we think it desirable (at least) to take health risks into account, particularly when the guidelines use the weak phrase "should not be necessary" rather than "is not necessary".

4. Part 14: "Public perception of risk....is not something to which any weight should be attached"...
This is a terribly arrogant statement which takes no account whatsoever of the people who would suffer if the radiation is found to be harmful. People read newspapers, watch TV, surf the net, and are all too well aware that there could be danger in the use of mobile phones, danger that was at first dismissed but is now proving to have a basis in fact. Until it is shown conclusively that monopoles carry NO risk to ANY members of the population, considerable weight should be attached to the public perception of risk.

Apart from our very real concerns over health aspects we have three further points;

(a) There are no assurances in the proposal that the existing trees will be preserved.

(b) Five antennas and part of the monopole will be visible above the trees - hardly a pleasant group of objects to be looked at. And what happens to the trees when they grow taller?

(c) Many households in the vicinity that will be affected by the proposed telecommunications pole have not been notified by your Department.

Dolpin might not like it but this proposal must be rejected.

Yours sincerely

Professor and Mrs A Wild

Chyreen,
10, Homemoor Drive,
Sonning on Thames,
Reading - RG4
6th January 2001

The Case Office,
Attn. Joss Milla,
Planning Services,
WRDC
P.O. Box 157
Shute End, WOKINGHAM.

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Dear Sir/Madam.

Application No. TL2000/3003
Reading Hockey and cricket Club.
Monopole, 3 cross polar Antennas,
2 Parabollic Antennas, Cabin + fence

With reference to the above application and your circular addressed to my home on 19th December 2000, I write to object to the proposal to install a Monopole with the accompanying equipment.

I have viewed the plans and read the literature - I am extremely disappointed with the contents of paragraph 15 of the Health and Safety statement. I am against this planning application mainly for health reasons - As I understand it, it is YET UNPROVEN how the levels of RADIATION EMISSIONS into the surrounding atmosphere will effect the lives and health of people living, working and playing nearby, now and in the future. Therefore, with THREE schools in close proximity (Sonning Primary, The Blue Coat and Inglewood Nursery,) plus much used sports fields, and homes, I consider this site to be totally inappropiate.

Until such times as it can be proved that it is one hundred per cent safe to live, work and play near these devices I feel we should not be installing them - the risks are too great when the long term effects remain unknown.

Again, refering to paragraph 15 - "Current Policy". This might be proved to be wrong in the future. It will then, unfortunately, be too late - Please think again and reject Dolphins telecommunications development plan.

Yours faithfully.

A. Mary Wilkins

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Mr. & Mrs. J. Tempel
18 Old Bath Road
Sonning , Reading
RG4 6TA

Date 5- 01- 2001

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPT.
PLANNING SERVICES , P.O. BOX 157
WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL
SHUTE END , WOKINGHAM

F.A.O. Ms. Joss Miller

Dear Madam

Further to the application Ref. TL 2000/ 3003 we are opposing it for reasons of possible long term threat to health from the microwave radiation as the transmitter mast is approximately 150 metres from our house. The proposed level of radiation is stated by the applicant to be within the limits laid down by ICNIRP. However the applicant might well in the future quietly increase the power transmitted in order to increase the range of their signals , rather than build another expensive new mast and transmitting equipment.

It is important to note that the occupiers of the properties near the mast may well be exposed to radiation for up to 24 hours a day , every day. The mobile radios have been in universal use for a maximum of 10 years and the effect of microwave radiation from transmitter masts cannot be yet fully assessed.

Yours faithfully

J. TEMPEL (MR.) P. TEMPEL (MRS.)

SHELTON 43 WEST DRIVE SONNING
READING BERKSHIRE RG4 6GE
TEL 0118 969 0721

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Wokingham District Council
Environmental Services Department
Planning Services
P.O. Box 157
Shute End Wokingham
RG40 1WR

attn. Joss Miller Case Officer

Dear Sirs

Application no TL/2000/3003
Proposed erection of monopole @ Reading Cricket Hockey Club Sonning Lane Sonning

We would object to the proposal covered by the above application for the following reasons:-

1. Location
The Health & Safety Report states that in the light of the findings of the IEGMPs report that a precautionary approach should be taken to the health effects associated with radio emissions.. The proposed location is immediately adjacent to a residential area and three sports & social clubs. This means that there would be a large number of people exposed on a daily basis. In addition the functions at the clubs would mean that even larger numbers are regularly in the grounds and subject to exposure. The proposed location cannot be considered as precautionary and if after further research a health problem is proved to exist with this type of radio transmission then a significant number of people would be affected

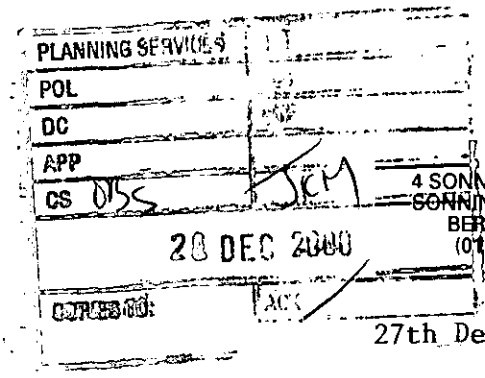
2. Visual Impact
The proposed location is on one of the entry roads to the village, within the village boundary and inside the village conservation area. The Don Proctor Planning report states that the proposed monopole, antennas and cabin would be well screened. However it is very clear from a site visit that this statement is wrong and that the monopole would be clearly visible from Sonning Lane. Most of the structure, not just the top, would be visible from both vehicles and by walkers The proposed monopole would have far greater mass than the existing floodlights and therefore greater visual impact. The proposed monopole would be out of keeping with the picturesque village of Sonning and the conservation area.

3. Alternative Locations
It is clear from the Don Proctor Planning report that there are a number of alternative sites within the cell search radius which are capable of giving the required coverage to the specific propagation area. These locations might not be so easy to obtain, nor so economically viable, but they would expose significantly less people, both resident and non resident. In addition they would be in a less prominent position and therefore less likely to impinge on the conservation area. This would be in accordance with the IEGMPs recommendations to take a precautionary approach and in line with the Ministers letter.

We urge the rejection of this application.

Yours faithfully

MR & MRS J.D. LOVETT



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SONNING-ON-THAMES
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(0118) 9691842

27th December 2000

Mr.J.Miller,,
Case Officer,
Environmental Services Dept.,
Planning Services,
Wokingham District Council,
Shute End,Wokingham

Dear Sir, Application No. TL/2000/3003

I have one comment to make regarding erection of 13m. monopole at Reading Cricket and Hockey Club.

A portion of the site is already dominated by existing floodlighting masts over the all-weather hockey court. Rather than put an additional tall pole on site, can I suggest that one of the floodlighting masts has the necessary appendages attached to it by Dolphin Telecommunications. Preferable to use the floodlighting mast futhest away from Sonning Lane.

Yours faithfully,

(MR.V.G.F.Morris)

Received by Wokingham District Council

Application No: TL/2000/3003

Proposal:
Proposed erection of 13 metre high monopole with 3 cross polar antennas, 2 parabollic antennas and equipment cabin and compound fence.

Location:
Reading Cricket& Hockey Club, Sonning Lane, Sonning, Reading.

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). If you intend to view this application at Woodley Library (see details above) please allow 4 days from the date of this notice for delivery of plans.

Comments should be sent in writing QUOTING THE APPLICATION NUMBER to the Case Officer Joss Miller P.O. Box 157 Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham Berkshire, RG40 1WR to arrive on or before 29/01/2001. 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

19 December 2000

WOKINGHAM D.C. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

42 DAYS

Start date: 5 DEC	
Officer: J M	Application No. TL/2000/3003

Map No. 31 Site 6.01

Easting: ..... Flood Pln .....

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Description:

(TL) PROPOSED ERECTION OF 13M HIGH MONOPOLE WITH 3 CROSS POLAR ANTENNAS, 2 PARABOLLIC ANTENNAS AND EQUIPMENT CABIN & COMPOUND FENCE

Location: READING CRICKET & HOCKEY CLUB, SONNING LANE

Parish: SONNING Ward: .....

Applicant: DOLPHIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD

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

Enforcement Section to be notified ☐ tick if required (5)

Give site notice to Nicky to put up.

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			

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ACTION REQUIRED BY DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Conservation Area .....

Listed Building 1 2 2*

Advertisement Required .....

Date Site Notice Sent : ..... Parish Council Informed - YES / NO

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Landscape .....
Trees .....
Conservation Officer .....
Environmental Health .....
Housing .....
Leisure & Cultural services .....
Public Rights of Way .....
Property .....
District Secretary (only if called in by SOS) .....
Policy & Plans .....
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Minerals (INTERNAL) .....
Archaeological Site (BABTIE) : .....
Education .....
Social Services .....
Highways .....

EXTERNAL CONSULTATIONS

Adjacent D P A : .....
Adjacent Parish : .....
Southern Electricity Board .....
British Gas .....
PSA Oil Pipeline .....
Transco : .....
Environment Agency .....

Rail Track .....
Police Arch. Liaison Officer .....

HERITAGE BODIES

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

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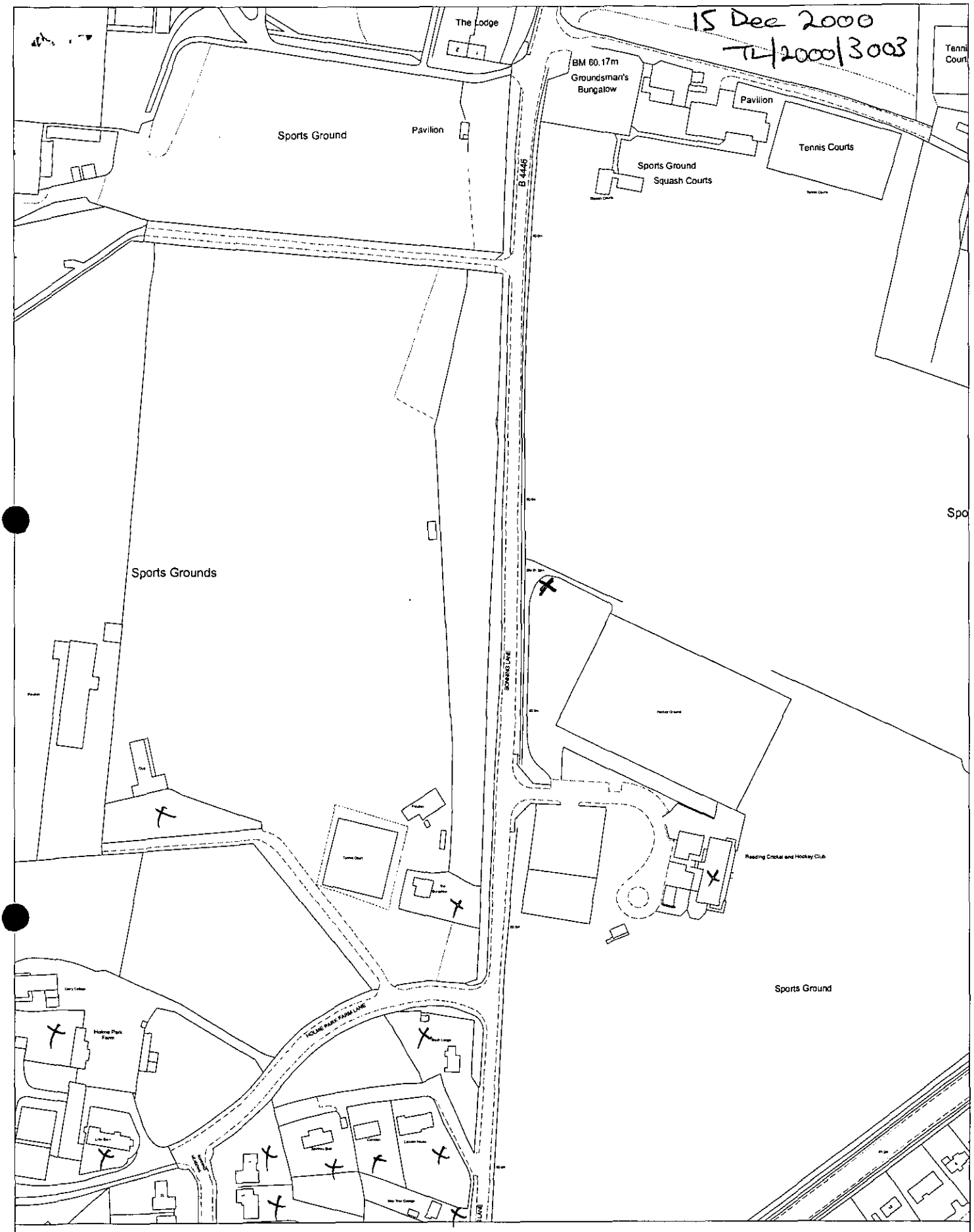

Site Plan, Scale: 1 to 2500

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CHARTERED TOWN PLANNER

The Head of Planning and Transportation
Wokingham District Council
Civic Offices
Shute End
Wokingham
Berks
RG4 1BN

11th December 2000

Dear Sir

Application for Prior Approval Under Condition A.2(4A) of Part 24 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended) for permitted development proposed by Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd for a telecommunications installation at Reading Cricket and Hockey Club, Sonning Lane, Sonning, Reading, RG4 6ST.

Applicants Reference: 21495 - 1561

Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd have been licenced to provide a personal communications network (PCN) within the United Kingdom. In order to facilitate this the Company has been conferred the status of a public telecommunications Code System Operator. PCN systems are designated as public telecommunications systems under Section 9 of the Telecommunications Act 1984.

We are writing on behalf of Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd in order to apply for a determination as to whether the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority would be required to the siting and design of the proposed development and if so for a determination accordingly.

Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd propose the installation of a radio base station for the Dolphin Telecommunications network comprising a 13m high monopole with three cross polar antennas with orientation at 13°, 133° and 253° and two parabollic antennas (orientation to be confirmed), an equipment cabin of 3.76 x 2.58 x 2.90m high on a concrete foundation, both within a compound enclosed by a chain link fence with an overall height of 2.4 m with a 3 m wide access gate, all to be accessed from the adjacent gravelled car park area.

We attach the following documentation:-

1. A completed application form as prescribed by Annex C of the Code of Best Practice for Local Planning Authorities and Telecommunications Code System Operators, March 1996, published by the Department of the Environment.

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2. A copy of the following drawings:-

DTL/HSB/21495/001, an area location plan at 1:25,000 scale
DTL/HSB/21495/002, a site location plan at 1:1250 scale
DTL/HSB/21495/003, a site layout plan at 1:200 scale
DTL/HSB/21495/004, elevations a) and b) at 1:200 scale and a monopole plan at 1:50 scale.

3. A cheque in the sum of £35.00, the requisite fee, and

4. A copy of the site notice displayed in accordance with sub-paragraph (4A)(b)(ii) of Part 24 of the above Order, the location of the Notice is illustrated on Drawing DTL/HSB/21495/003.

5. A Health and Safety Statement.

This installation will enable the roll-out of Dolphin's network to enable them to meet their Licence requirements.

The Network

Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd have been awarded a Licence which confers powers "to run telecommunication systems of every description within the United Kingdom (the Applicable Systems)".

As explained above, they have the benefit of permitted development rights as contained in Part 24 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995.

Dolphin will develop a Trans-European Trunked Radio Access system (Tetra). This is a new open digital trunked radio standard which is defined by the European Telecommunications Standardisation Institute (ETSI) to meet the needs of the most demanding professional mobile radio users.

Tetra has been designed from the start to be multi-functioned. The multi-traffic profile of Tetra allows, for instance, the same equipment to be used for simultaneous voice and data communication. This allows data such as site plans, maps, operating instructions to be sent in parallel with voice communication. This function will be particularly useful for the Police, Fire and Ambulance Services and for public utilities. The UK network may comprise some 450-700 cell sites.

It is not necessary here to rehearse Government planning policy guidance which encourages the growth of new and existing telecommunications systems and encourages Local Planning Authorities to be alive to the special needs and technical problems and telecommunications development, which will be familiar to your Authority.

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Health and Safety

Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd are aware of the high level of public interest on health and safety issues associated with mobile phones and the findings and recommendations of the Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones, chaired by Sir William Stewart.

A Health and Safety Statement dealing with these issues as they are relevant to Dolphin's proposals is attached to this submission and confirms that the proposed equipment operates well within the ICNIRP (International Commission for Non-Ionising Radiation Protection) guidelines.

Site Selection

The selection of a site involves finding a location from which the radio transmitter provides adequate coverage of the local population or traffic routes, taking into account topography, high buildings and other "ground clutter" which may obstruct radio propagation, and is on land which can be made available to Dolphin.

In this instance our client intends to erect a radio base station for the Dolphin Telecommunications Network. This site is within the cell search radius capable of giving the required coverage to the specific propogation area.

My clients have undertaken various searches for a suitable site within this cell search area and consider this to be the optimum site available in planning and commercial terms.

They have, for example, looked at the existing police mast in the vicinity but this unfortunately land is being sold.

They have also investigated the existing Orange mast in the centre of Woodley, but this is too far from the required coverage area.

They have also investigated various sites in and around Holme Park Farm, two sites in particular including the disused water tower but the owners are unwilling to provide a suitable site.

The benefits of the site the subject of this submission are that it is in the corner of the Club site and adjacent to substantial hedgerows and trees, providing screening and is also seen in most viewpoints in association with the existing floodlights.

Height of Installation

The height proposed at 13m is sufficient for providing the necessary coverage and is at a similar height to the existing floodlights in close proximity, (12m). It is also set down from the adjacent Sonning Lane road embankment and these factors together with the adjacent tree screens on two sides means that from many viewpoints only the antennas themselves and the upper part of the monopole will be visible from public vantage points.

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It is our understanding that, in accordance with condition A.2(4)(iv) and (v), unless we receive your determination in writing within 42 days of your receipt of this letter and accompanying application stating that prior approval will be required, and an approval or refusal as appropriate, then Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd will be free to proceed with this development.

We trust the above background information and the attached documentation is sufficient to allow you to determine this submission but please let us know if you require further information at this stage.

Yours faithfully

Don Proctor, Dip.TP, MRTPI
for Dolphin Telecommunications Ltd

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INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY AN APPLICATION FOR PRIOR APPROVAL DETERMINATION UNDER PART 24 OF THE GPDO IN RESPECT OF PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CODE SYSTEM OPERATORS

1. PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

(i) Licence notification i.e. pre rollout of network Date APRIL 1999

Name of LPA contact BOROUGH PLANNING OFFICER

(ii) On sites in specific cell(s) Date OCT 2000

Name of LPA contact NICHOLA LAKE

2A. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT

Name DOLPHIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD, THE CRESCENT,

Address JAYS CLOSE, BASINGSTOKE, HANTS

Postcode RG22 4BS Tel 01256 / 811822

2B. AGENT'S NAME, ADDRESS AND CONTACT

Name DON PROCTOR PLANNING, CHARTER COTTAGE,

Address HORSE WARE, OVER, CAMBS

Postcode CB4 5NX Tel 01954 / 231929

Contact DON PROCTOR

2C. LOCATION OF PROPOSAL

Location READING CRICKET AND HOCKEY CLUB, SONNING

2D. O.S. SHEET/GRID REFERENCE

Sheet and six figure grid reference of proposed development

Sheet ..... Grid reference 7560 7461

3. *PURPOSE OF DEVELOPMENT*

SITE WITHIN THE CELL SEARCH RADIUS CAPABLE OF GIVING REQUIRED COVERAGE TO SPECIFIC PROPAGATION AREA.

RADIO BASE STATION FOR THE DOLPHIN TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK

4. *THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE (Please 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) MONOPOLE

overall height 13 metres

height of existing building (where applicable) N/A metres

(ii) Equipment housing

length 3·76 *metres* width 2·58 *metres* height 2·9 *metres*

(iii) Materials (as applicable)

tower/mast etc:- type of material and external colour

STEEL / GREY

equipment housing:- type of material and external colour

STEEL / HOLLYBUSH GREEN BS-14-C-39

(iv) Location of and distance to nearest residential or commercial property (where applicable):-

N/A

5. *DISTANCE FROM AIRFIELD OR AERODROME*

Please tick as appropriate

Will the structure be within 3 km of an aerodrome or airfield?	YES ☐	NO ☑
Has the Civil Aviation Authority or Secretary of State for Defence (as appropriate) been notified?	YES ☐	NO ☑

Signed (APPLICANT)

Date 11/12/00

On behalf of DOLPHIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD.

15 Dec 2000

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SITE NOTICE

Proposed development at ..READING CRICKET AND HOCKEY CLUB

I give notice that ..DON PROCTOR PLANNING.....

on behalf of ....DOLPHIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD.....

is applying to WOKINGHAM DC.....

under paragraph A.2(4A) of Part 24 of Schedule 2 to 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

15 M MONOPOLE AND EQUIPMENT CABIN

Under Part 24 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, WOKINGHAM DC 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

COUNCIL OFFICES, SHUTE END, WOKINGHAM RG40 1BN

Individuals and organisations wishing to make representations about the siting and appearance of the proposed development are invited to forward their views in writing no later than 5/1/2001 to WOKINGHAM DC clearly stating that comments are being forwarded in relation to the proposed development of TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION

at READING CRICKET AND HOCKEY CLUB

SIGNED: D PROCTOR

ON BEHALF OF: DOLPHIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD

DATED: 12/12/2000

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HEALTH AND SAFETY STATEMENT

1. In view of the high level of public interest on health and safety associated with mobile phones, the Department of Health set up the Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones (IEGMP) under Sir William Stewart. The IEGMP undertook a full review of all research on the subject relating to both thermal and non-thermal effects and received oral and written evidence from a large number of interested persons. This included evidence from scientists who have been at the forefront of bringing to public attention potential concerns associated with alleged non-thermal effects, such as headaches, sleep disorders, epilepsy and leukemia.

2. The IEGMP's report was made public on 11 May 2000 and the government published its response on the same day.

3. The main finding of the IEGMP was that the balance of evidence to date suggests exposure to radio frequency radiation within current guidelines issued by the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) does not cause adverse health effects to the general population; but more research should be undertaken.

4. In the light of this finding, a precautionary approach was recommended, as encapsulated in the recommendations of the IEGMP. In its response, the government has accepted that a precautionary approach should be adopted as recommended by the IEGMP.

5. Further clarification about this was provided in a circular letter sent on 29 June 2000 by the Minister for Housing and Planning. The Minister indicated that whilst the government is presently reviewing planning policy and related guidance, for the time being the current legislative arrangements and policy guidance apply.

6. Currently, existing health and safety legislation falls under the responsibility of the Health and Safety Executive (the HSE), and through this public safety issues associated with radio emissions are regulated. The HSE obtains specialist advice from the National Radiological Protection Board (the NRPB). As a consequence, paragraph 37 of PPG 8 clearly indicates that radiation safety is a matter for the HSE. This applies therefore the usual principle of non-duplication between controls.

7. **The Minister's letter went on to clarify that the recent report of the Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones (IEGMP) does not recommend a ban or moratorium on the construction of mobile phone masts and the government has no plans to introduce one.**

8. **The Minister's letter clarifies further that although the IEGMP recommended a precautionary approach that does not mean that individual local authorities should introduce their own precautionary policies.**

9. Hence, the Minister indicated that provided the International Commission for Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) guidelines will be met, as recommended by

the IEGMP on a precautionary basis, it should not be necessary for a local planning authority, in processing an application, to consider the health effects further.

10. Under the ICNIRP guidelines there is a requirement for a safety exclusion zone. This will be a maximum of 8.5 metres from the face of the antennas, i.e. projecting at the same height of the antennas at their proposed position on the structure. This will not be accessible to any member of the general public. For employees or contractors visiting the site to work on the structure and/or antennas, clearly defined warning signs and physical barriers will exist to prevent inadvertent access to areas that might be within the ICNIRP threshold.

11. *In all areas accessible to the public the existing installation already complies with the ICNIRP guidelines. **(If applicable)***

12. *Further **(if applicable)*** confirmation can be given that the *new **(if applicable)*** equipment proposed will comply with the standards adopted by ICNIRP in all areas accessible by the public.

13. This is illustrated by an independent audit carried out by the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) on 17 mobile phone base stations and supplied as evidence to the IEGMP (NRPB Ref: NRPB R321). This found that the highest measured public exposure from radio frequency transmissions was 0.2% of the ICNIRP guidelines, while typical average exposures were 0.002% of the guidelines. The proposed equipment will have the same or very similar operating characteristics as all mobile phone base stations and so will also fall well within the ICNIRP exposure guidelines.

14. Public perception of risk, even if based on unsubstantiated concerns, can be a material planning consideration. However, that is not something to which any weight should be attached, particularly compared to the advice and guidance provided by the HSE and NRPB, the bodies with statutory responsibility. This is clear from the long-standing guidance found in Circular 8/93.

15. This statement therefore provides all the information required under current policy and there are no reasons related to health and safety to prevent the development from going ahead.

CONDITION MONITORING RECORD SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **TL/2000/3003**
CASE OFFICER: **Joss Miller**
SECTION 106 AGREEMENT Yes ☐ No ☐

STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT	CONDITION NUMBER	DATE CONDITION DISCHARGED	DATE COMPLIANCE OBSERVED	DATE BREACH OBSERVED
PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT				
COMMENCEMENT				
DURING CONSTRUCTION				
COMPLETION				