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ADDITIONAL PLAN

Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: Vodafone (UK) Ltd – Proposed Installation of 2no. dish antenna at Ducks Nest Farm, Eversley Road, Arborfield, Berks, RG2 9PJ pursuant to Part 24 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, as amended (the GPDO).

We write in connection with proposals to carry out permitted development, by Vodafone (UK) Ltd at the above site, which is owned or managed by National Grid Wireless (NGW), previously Crown Castle UK LTD, a wholly owned company of National Grid, the largest utility in the UK.

In order to address concerns over mobile communications apparatus Vodafone (UK) Ltd is committed to carrying out consultation with the community prior to development. This is in accordance with the Code of Best Practice on Mobile Phone Network Development, published by the ODPM in November 2002. The purpose of this letter is to advise you of a specific proposal and invite your detailed comments so that, if practicable, they can be taken into account in finalising the details. We also seek your agreement on the Traffic Light Rating and the associated consultation strategy to be adopted in this case.

We hereby notify you on behalf of Vodafone (UK) Ltd, of the intention to install electronic communications apparatus at the above. This notification is made under the relevant condition of the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003. As you may know, these general conditions replace those in the operator's licence that was withdrawn by virtue of the Communications Act 2003.

The apparatus proposed to be installed comprises 2no.0.3m dish antenna at 18m and 24m on the existing tower.

If for whatever reason, you have concerns about the use of our site by the operator, please indicate immediately why. In addition, please provide details, including land ownership if you have them, of any alternative sites within an approximate radius of 500 metres around our site that you consider might merit investigation as a realistic and preferred option. With this information a comparative assessment can be carried out with the operator and if appropriate an approach made to the landowner to establish availability. The decision will then rest with the operator as to whether to proceed with these proposals. That said, this willingness to consult is without prejudice to the permitted development

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proposed and the operator is unlikely to respond to suggestions that are unrealistic in terms of what they propose, or materially affect operational timescales.

Other Consultations

In accordance with the Code of Best Practice an assessment for the purposes of establishing the appropriate level of consultation has been carried out. Using this Traffic Light Rating assessment the option of the operator using our site has been categorised green. In accordance with best practice we only propose to consult with the local planning authority. If however you feel the rating to be incorrect or consider other interested parties should be notified at this stage, then please let us know and pass on copies of this documentation or let us have details immediately.

As the development entails the installation of apparatus by an electronic communications code system operator it is permitted development by virtue of Part 24 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, as amended (the GPDO).

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However, the proposal does not consist of:

(i) a mast;

(ii) an antenna on a building or structure where the antenna would exceed the height of the building by 4 metres or more;

(iii) a public call box;

(iv) radio equipment housing with a volume in excess of 2.5 cubic metres; or

(v) development which is ancillary to radio equipment housing.

That being the case, the development proposed does not fall within the categories specified under Condition A.2 (4) (b) and is permitted development as described at paragraph 66 of the Code of Best Practice. **It does not therefore require a determination on prior approval on siting and appearance under the 56 day procedure and no fee is payable.** Although the development does not need to be the subject of any application, you have nonetheless been consulted in case for whatever reason you wish to express any detailed comments. If you do have any comments to make or would like to meet or require assistance with any visit to the site or surrounding area, please let us know within 10 working days of receipt of this letter.

We trust this is helpful, but if you have any queries, please let our Ben Ferguson know immediately.

Yours faithfully,

National Grid Wireless

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