APPLICATION NO:
TL/2001/5480 ✓

LOCATION:
Land Fronting 390 Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead Wokingham.

APPLICANT:
B T Cellnet Ltd C/O A P T

PROPOSAL:
Proposed erection of one 15 metre high monopole phone mast with one tri-sector antenna, two equipment cabinets and ancillary development.

EARLIEST DATE FOR DECISION: **04/01/2002**

APPLICATION WILL HAVE EXPIRED ON:
29/01/2002

CASE OFFICER: **Natalie Brown**

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REFUSAL OF PRIOR APPROVAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS NOTIFICATION

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Notification No: TL/2001/5480

Parish: Finchampstead

Proposal: One 15 metre high monopole phone mast with one tri-sector antenna, two equipment cabinets and ancillary development

Location: Land fronting 390Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead

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:

1. The proposal is unacceptable in view of its proximity to residential properties and its impact upon the character of the area.

T. G Watson

Date: 23 January 2002

Development Control Manager

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Dear Ms. Brown,

Re. TL/2001/5480
Land fronting 390 Finchampstead Road.
15m phonemast.

I would like to object to the proposed erection of this mast for 2 reasons. firstly the health issues of these masts have not yet been clarified and secondly it will be a distraction to traffic and should be placed somewhere less conspicuous. I would also say that I am highly suspicious of the timing of this application. With the proposal for a mast at Barkham Ride/Finchampstead Road junction being objected too, it seems this application being raised 12/12/01 when many people are very busy with seasonal tasks and like me only getting back on ~~together~~ track in beginning of January, and hence the application will 'slip' through!

I realise this letter is therefore passed your 23/12/01 deadline but believe the deadline needs to be extended to ensure a fair hearing is given to this application rather than a 'sneaky' acceptance (as it seems)

Yours sincerely

Jane Francis

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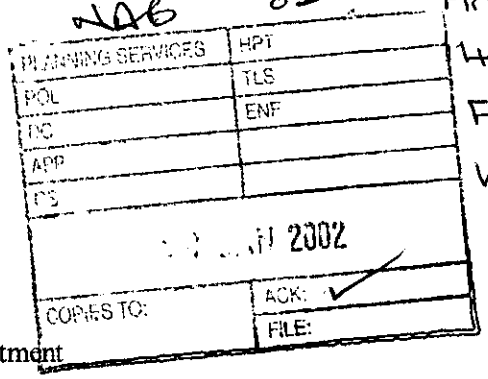

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Dear Ms Brown,

Application Number: **TL/2001/5480**
Site Address: **Land fronting 390 Finchampstead Rd, Wokingham**
Proposal: **Proposed erection of 15m high telecommunications column plus 2 radio equipment cabinets**

I write to object strongly to the above planning application, on the following grounds:

1 **The fact that the telecommunications mast will adversely affect the street scene**; the general appearance of the low level housing will be spoilt by the towering mast.

2 **The close proximity of the mast to residential areas**; the proposed mast would be in the middle of a large residential area of a number of housing estates.

Also, it can be considered as a **risk to health**; it is likely to affect the general value of property in the area.

Yours sincerely,

H Marlow

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~~20th~~ December 2001

Dear Ms Natalie Brown,

Re: Planning Application Number TL/2001/5480

We are writing this letter in response to the proposed erection of a 15 metre telecommunications mast and radio equipment on the land fronting the property of 390 Finchampstead Road. We find it shocking that a proposal of such a monstrosity could even be entertained, in what is the centre of an extremely attractive and unblemished residential area. And we believe that the erection of the 15 metre mast would prove an eyesore as it would tower over an area of low-rise buildings and mature trees.

The proposed plot is one in which a number of young children are able to play and be safely shielded from the busy roads. The presence of a large telecommunications mast would cast huge health fears and doubts for all concerned. We are aware that the matter of health risks from such technology is as yet unconfirmed. However, sufficient suspicion has been raised to query the sense in allowing this kind of exposure to occur.

There are also other risks involved to children and youths within the local area. The mast would surely act as an object of curiosity. This would inevitably lead to potential vandalism or even worse injury.

As home owners, very near the proposed site, we are extremely concerned as to the detrimental effects that such a hideous mast would have on the potential value of our property.

In reference to the previous planning application (ref: TL/2001/4365) from July 2001, we were outraged to read the quote from page three of the Wokingham Times where BT spokesman Kristi Conacher said, "The only reason we put up phone masts is if the coverage is needed, so the demand has to be there in the first place." "It's all very well people opposing it but they're the ones using the mobile phones."

We challenge Wokingham District Council and BT Cellnet to substantiate these claims of such demand. There is not a single resident within this area who has not written a letter or signed a petition opposing the idea. A number of residents are mobile phone users, and have experienced the frustration of not always having perfect coverage but this does not mean, however, that they would be prepared to butcher landscapes, endanger lives and ruin the residence of hundreds in order to achieve this.

We are strongly opposed to both of the applications for planning permission, ref: TL/2001/4365 at the junction of Windsor Ride and Finchampstead Road, which is currently pending an appeal and the new application for planning ref: TL/2001/5480 on the land opposite 390 Finchampstead Road.

Yours sincerely

P J Easton

MRS. P. J. EASTON

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PLANNING APPLICATION TL/2001/5480

Dear Miss Brown,

With reference to the above Planning Application please accept my objections to the siting of a phone mast on Council owned land fronting 390, Finchampstead Road. The mast, just a few yards from the main road, would be highly visible to traffic coming from the north east and would provide a real distraction to a driver preparing to enter the roundabout at the junction of Barkham Ride, Finchampstead Road and Windsor Ride. The erection of the mast would be just asking for accidents on the roundabout. It is the Councils responsibility to make their roads as safe as possible, not to allow the erection of a Road Hazard.

Please be prepared to prove that you have taken the advice of the appropriate Road Safety Organisations to the erection of the mast on this site.

I strongly object to the erection of such an aerial in the middle of a residential area and on a main road. I have no doubt that you are aware that it is the duty of the Council, to whom we pay a considerable amount of money in rates, to protect the Residents from such needless vandalism.

Yours faithfully,

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Yours faithfully,

Richard Nunnell

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Your ref: TL/2001/5480: Natalie Brown

Dear Ms Brown,

Application by BT Cellnet for the proposed erection of one 15m high monopole phone mast with tri-sector antenna plus two equipment cabinets and ancillary development on land fronting 390, Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead, Wokingham.

I should like to record my objections to this proposed development, which must relate to the previously refused application, TL/2001/4365 (July/August 2001) on land only tens of metres away at the junction of Finchampstead Road and Windsor Ride. It is perhaps coincidence but the timing of applications, so that notice periods fall during holiday periods, is attracting comment. Numbers of objections are, of course, minimised in consequence.

Having inspected the plans, I note that the mast is shown on land between Finchampstead Road itself and the "service road", adjacent to the existing pavement of Finchampstead Road. In my letter expressing objections to TL/2001/4365, I referred to a conversation with your Ms Vashi, the Development Control Officer handling that case, during which it emerged that:

> government advice is that there is no balance of evidence of adverse effects on humans, particularly to the brain, due to electromagnetic radiation from mobile phone use. There is, however, **a Wokingham District Council guideline that the mast shall be a minimum distance of 60m from residential accommodation.**

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There appears to be one overriding cause for rejection. **The distance of the pavement kerb of Finchampstead Road proper to the actual house wall of 390, Finchampstead Road is 21.5m, a distance approaching one-half of the guideline.** Furthermore young children are being encouraged to use the Finchampstead-Wokingham cycleway, currently under construction, on a several times daily basis on their way to Nine Mile Ride County Primary School. **This cyclepath running immediately outside of 390, Finchampstead Road, is centred at only 14.5m from the base of the proposed mast, providing regular exposure.**

Clearly the proximity guideline exists in case an adverse affect does emerge. Whilst I have never worked in this field, I am a recently retired research scientist who has followed the debate in the scientific press. Manufacturers of mobile phones have recently been required to quote figures for microwave emission levels and it has been shown that young children are particularly at risk. You may also be aware that the potentially lethal effects of electromagnetic radiation on those with cardiac pacemakers and the proximity of such patients have led to the rejection of similar applications.

The mast will undoubtedly provide an unwelcome visual impact upon what remains one of the more pleasant approaches into Wokingham and may also prove a danger approaching a roundabout which is potentially a serious road hazard.

An alternative suggestion might be to combine the new emitter with an existing mast. The promise of Ms Vashi in July 2001, to obtain a list of the sites of local masts and send them to my wife, has yet to be fulfilled.

We trust that the points raised will be duly considered and hope that severe objections, ours among them, will lead to the Application being rejected.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely

Dr J M Cox

I endorse the above comments.

Mrs M D Cox

cc. The Rt. Hon. Andrew MacKay, MP
(Email: mackaya@parliament.uk)
Mr Trevor Watson, Development Control Manager
Councillor Mrs Muriel Long

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

Dear Ms Brown

Re Application Number TL/2001/5480

We object to the above application for the following reasons:

Firstly the mast and associated equipment would spoil the appearance of the local area. The local residents take pride in the land fronting the whole of this part of Finchampstead Road and spend a great deal of time and effort in maintaining it. A mast and associated equipment would be totally out of character within this residential setting.

Secondly, until the telecommunication industry can categorically state that there are **no** health hazards arising from the mast transmissions, we must also object on the potential health risk grounds, particularly as registered childminders, we are hosts to eight young children every day.

Yours sincerely

BJ & AD Watts

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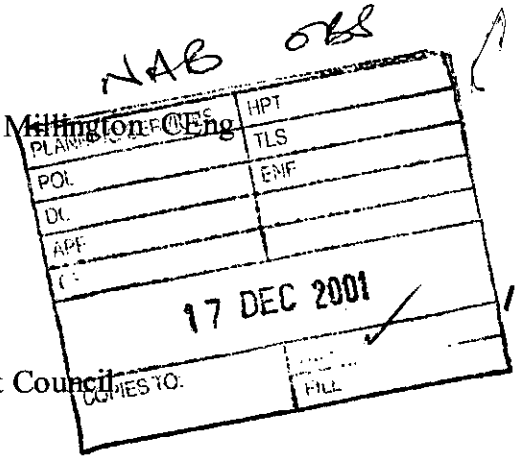

From: Colonel A H Millington OBE CEng

393 Finchampstead Road
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14 December 2001

The Chairman
Wokingham District Council
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Dear Sir,

Reference: Environmental Services Department Planning Application Notification - Reference Natalie Brown TL/2001/5480 dated 12 Dec 01

I have received notification, concerning a proposal to erect a telephone mast near to my home on Finchampstead Road. You may recall that a similar application was made in July of this year (reference TL/2001/4365). At that time, I wrote to you (copy attached) and many of my neighbours did so too. A petition was raised and the objections were supported strongly by The Rt Hon Andrew MacKay M.P. (a copy of his letter is also attached). In the event, you announced on 30 August 2001 that you had decided to refuse the planning permission sought by BT Cellnet.

I am surprised, therefore, to have received notification of this further application, only 3 months later, to erect the mast just a few yards from the site proposed by the earlier failed attempt. All the factors applying to this, environmental issues, health & safety of residents, hazards and disfigurement of the area remain the same as before. In the circumstances, I am astonished by the apparent arrogance of BT Cellnet. Perhaps they have timed this application, just prior to Christmas, in the hope that people will be too busy to object and so obtain permission by default. This should not be allowed to proceed.

I trust that, again, common sense will prevail and you will see fit to refuse permission.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to: The Rt Hon Andrew MacKay M.P. - House of Commons

From: Anthony H Millington CEng. FIMechE.

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July 2001

Environmental Services Department
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Attention: Mr John Mitchell - Development Control Manager

Your Reference: Elaine Vashi TL/2001/4365

Dear Sir,

Your letter dated 11th July 2001 invited comments on a proposal for the erection a ***15m high radio telecommunications column*** and equipment sited near to my home at the junction of Windsor Ride and the Finchampstead Road. Given your safeguarding of the local environment hitherto in the area, not least the planning rules regarding any additional height or roadwards encroachment by building alterations and improvements to our houses and even the height of boundary fences, it would be surprising if you were to consider such a proposal favourably.

My comments, for your further consideration, are as follows:

1) It has been claimed and, moreover, without definitive evidence to the contrary that telecommunications columns and radio antennae of this type may pose a potential health threat to those constantly in their near vicinity. This is one of the reasons they tend to have been sited sensibly away from dwellings and the proximity of people. The health and safety aspects of this may not be overlooked and can not be sidelined in favour of obtaining commercial rental income for a small piece of land forming the verge of a busy road, where the equipment would also overlook several houses nearby.

2) It would be an unsightly intrusion and an offence to the environment, out of keeping with the preservation of the area your policies have protected well in the past.

It would be appreciated if due consideration could be afforded the points above. If permission for the structure were to be given, then it would seem to be incumbent on you to provide firm and possibly legally binding evidence that all aspects of potential health and safety hazard had been fully addressed and risk assessment analysed and published in your duty of care to local residents. It is an emotive and topical issue, as has been demonstrated recently elsewhere and can not be treated lightly. I attach for your information examples of relevant articles on the subject freely available on the world-wide web.

Yours faithfully,

THE RT. HON. ANDREW MACKAY M.P.

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August 2001

Mr and Mrs A. Millington
393 Finchampstead Road
Finchampstead
Wokingham,
Berks RG40 3ZL

Dear Mr and Mrs Millington

BT CELLNET PROPOSAL TO ERECT A RADIO MAST IN FINCHAMPSTEAD

My local representative, Bob Stanton, has sent me a copy of the petition that you signed rightly objecting to the BT Cellnet application to erect a telecommunication mast in your area. Frankly I think it is outrageous that the District Council have allowed such an application to be made on their land as it is an entirely inappropriate site so close to homes. It is in my view also an eyesore at a prominent junction that will adversely affect the whole of Finchampstead.

Consequently I am making strong representations against the application to the District Planning Officer and your excellent Ward Councillors, Mrs Muriel Long, Gerald Cockroft and Tim Charlesworth are presenting the petition to the Council and also fully backing our campaign.

Let us hope good sense prevails.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Andrew Mackay

Recd 17/12

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16 December 2001

Dear Ms Brown

Re: Application TL/2001/5480

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Yours sincerely

K. Redbourn

Keith Redbourn

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D. Redbourn

Debra Redbourn

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Ms Natalie Brown
Case Officer
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Dear Ms Brown,

Application Number: **TL/2001/5480**
Site Address: **Land fronting 390 Finchampstead Rd, Wokingham**
Proposal: **Proposed erection of 15m high telecommunications column plus 2 radio equipment cabinets**

I write to object strongly to the above planning application, on the following grounds:

1 **The fact that the telecommunications mast will adversely affect the street scene**; the general appearance of the low level housing will be spoilt by the towering mast.

2 **The close proximity of the mast to residential areas**; the proposed mast would be in the middle of a large residential area of a number of housing estates.

Also, it can be considered as a **risk to health**; it is likely to affect the general value of property in the area.

Yours sincerely,

David R. Court

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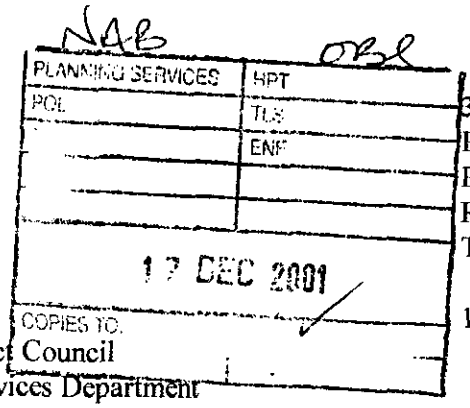

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Tel: 0118 973 0822

15th December 2001

Wokingham District Council
Environmental Services Department
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Shute End
Wokingham

Dear Ms Brown,

Ref: Planning Application Number TL/2001/5480

I write to object strongly to the application for the proposed erection of a 15m high telecommunications column plus 2 radio equipment cabinets on the land fronting 390 Finchampstead Road, Wokingham. I request that The Council objects on behalf of the residents and prevents this installation.

The objections to the planning application are on two grounds:

1 **The close proximity of the mast to residential areas**; the proposed mast would be within a few metres of a large number of houses, including our house which would be less than 10m away, and there are at least a dozen other houses which are located close to the proposed site. This is generally a highly populated area with a large number of housing estates, and is therefore totally unsuitable for the location of such a mast.

2 **The adverse effect of the mast and radio cabinets on the appearance of the area**; the majority of the nearby houses are bungalows, or chalet bungalows, providing a pleasant, low level residential area. The mast would tower over these houses, probably by as much as twice their height and would therefore be highly conspicuous and generally "an eye-sore". At ground level, the base of the mast and the radio cabinets would detract from the pleasant grassed areas surrounding the roundabout at the junction. The removal of the shrubs would cause a considerable (and unacceptable) increase of traffic noise to the surrounding houses, including our house.

Finally, there is the **risk to health**; although it has not been proven that such masts and radio equipment are a health hazard, it has not been disproved either. I consider that living within 10m of such equipment would be an unacceptable risk to my family's health and would therefore be forced to move immediately. I would also expect to see a drop in the value of my house and the surrounding properties since many other people, especially those with young children, would find the unknown health risk unacceptable as well.

I am also appalled that this application is being considered at all, since the same application was rejected less than 5 months ago, for a mast and equipment to be placed less than 50m away (ref: TL/2001/4365). In addition, the timing of this application is such that many people will be too busy with Christmas preparations to find time to voice their objections. I, for one, will be appealing if this application is allowed.

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to voice our concerns, and I am sure you will consider the objections to this proposal fully. I look forward to hearing that the application has been rejected.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Court

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M A Pincott
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13th December 2001

Natalie Brown
Wokingham Planning.

Dear Ms Brown,

Re. TL/2001/5480

Once again we have an application for a 'phone mast. May we, this time, take a positive approach and realize that such masts are essential to our communications future and NIMBY attitudes are reactionary and selfish.

There is no safety problem at the proposed new position and the site is far enough away from houses not to cause a health hazard. The appearance of the proposed pole is not unappealing, so I can see no grounds for objection.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Pincott.

Natalie Brown

From: Mike & Sally Pincott [thepincotts@hotmail.com]
Sent: 14 December 2001 15:52
To: Natalie Brown
Subject: TL/2001/5480



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Letter attached.

Natalie Brown

From: Tim.Charlesworth@Thameswater.CO.UK
Sent: 19 December 2001 15:08
To: J Race
Cc: natalie.brown@wokingham.gov.uk
Subject: Re: objection to application number TL/2001/5480 mast by 390 Finchampstead Road

Dear Julia

I can assure you that I remain opposed to the siting of masts in inappropriate residential locations. I was very disappointed to receive notificaition of this applicaiton, and I hope and expect that it will be rejected.

You may also like to know that BT Cellnet are appealing to the Secretary of State against the refusal of their previous application. The Council will be fighting this appeal.

Many thanks for writing in with your objections. It appears that we are likely to be subject to a stream of applications from BT Cellnet. I will continue to oppose all inappropriate applications.

best regards

Tim.

"J Race" <j.race@which.net>
17/12/2001 20:28

To: <tim@exec99.net>
cc:
Subject: objection to application number TL/2001/5480 mast by 390 Finchampstead Road

Dear Councillor Charlesworth

Please will you represent my views at the forthcoming planning meeting when the above application is considered. Below is the text of a letter of objection I am sending to WDC Planning Services.

In July 2001 BT Cellnet applied to put such a mast at the junction of Windsor Ride and Finchampstead Road, and you took up my objection which I am grateful for. I hope you are able to help again this time. Are Cellnet trying to get it through in the frantic Christmas period, having failed in the summer holiday period ?

Yours sincerely

Julia Race

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Dear Ms Brown

Re: Objection to Application Number TL/2001/5480
(Proposed erection of 15m high telecommunications column plus 2 radio equipment cabinets and ancillary development on land fronting 390 Finchampstead Road)

I am writing to strongly object to the above application.

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Concerns have been raised about the long term health effects of telecommunications masts and equipment. Whilst the long term health impacts of such masts are open to doubt, I strongly feel that a precautionary approach should be adopted, avoiding siting such equipment in residential areas and/or close by to schools, which therefore means the proposed site by
390 Finchampstead Road is unsuitable.

Yours sincerely

Julia Race (Mrs)

Cc:

Councillor Tim Charlesworth
Councillor Roland Cundy

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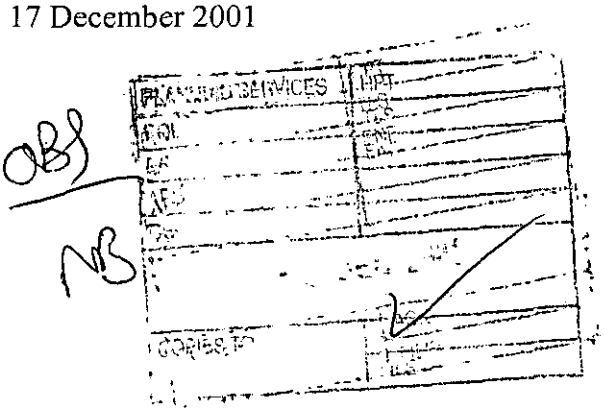

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Natalie Brown

From: Edwinakilsby@aol.com
Sent: 20 December 2001 12:16
To: natalie.brown@wokingham.gov.uk
Subject: TL/2001/5480 - info please

Hello
Reference the above telecoms mast application (opposite 390 Finchampstead Road),
could you please advise me whether the proposed site is Highways or Council owned?
Thanks
Edwina Kilsby

FROM: Natalie Brown

DATE: 12 December 2001

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FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH CONSULTATION SHEET

Application Number: TL/2001/5480

Proposal: Proposed erection of one 15 metre high monopole ~~phone mast with one tri-~~ sector antenna, two equipment cabinets and ancillary development..

Site Address: Land Fronting 390, Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead, Wokingham.

Applicant: B T Cellnet Ltd C/O A P T.

Your observations are required in respect of this application **by 04/01/2002** .

Objection on the grounds that this proposal would be in an inappropriate position in a residential area and would have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the surrounding area with a loss to visual amenity. It must be noted that this application has been submitted at a time when BT's previous application for a similar mast just 50metres along the road at the Windsor Ride/Finchampstead Road junction, is now under appeal and the Parish Council considers this to be duplicity. The District Council would be advised to investigate the idea of mast sharing by mobile phone companies.

SIGNED: C.S.Cl DATE: 28-12-01

Clerk To Finchampstead Parish/Town Council.

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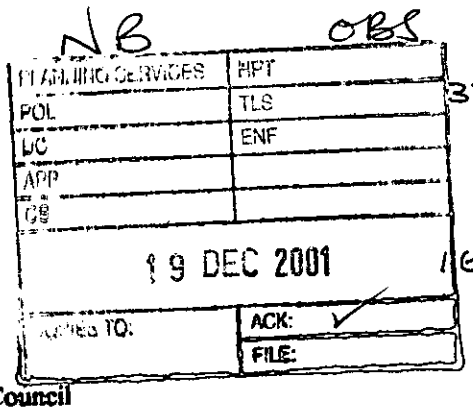

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There are also other risks involved to children and youths within the local area. The mast would surely act as an object of curiosity. This would inevitably lead to potential vandalism or even worse injury.

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We challenge Wokingham District Council and BT Cellnet to substantiate these claims of such demand. There is not a single resident within this area who has not written a letter or signed a petition opposing the idea. A number of residents are mobile phone users, and have experienced the frustration of not always having perfect coverage but this does not mean, however, that they would be prepared to butcher landscapes, endanger lives and ruin the residence of hundreds in order to achieve this.

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D. J. Stott

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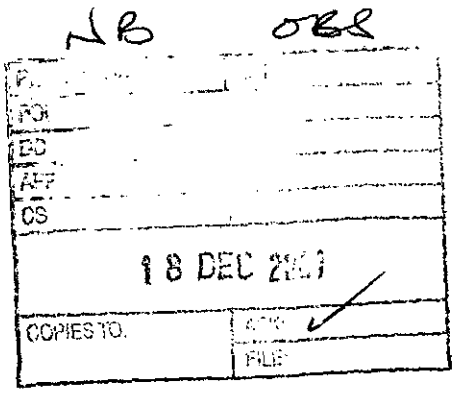

15th December, 2001

Natalie Brown (TL/2001/5480)
Enviromental Services Dept,
Planning Services,
P.O. Box 157,
Shute End,
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Dear Mrs Brown,

Ref: TL/2001/5480

I am writing to you to voice my serious concern over the erection of the 15 metre high monopole phone mast, which is being cconsidered for erection on the Finchampstead Road.

Apart from it being a dreadful eyesore, it is also too close to our homes and schools, and unless I can be given a guaranteen that 100% safe to my healt. I will propose it all the way.

I understand that this has already been turned down once so why do the council no listen to the residents, and refuse other applications of this kind. Or find a suitable uninhabited area to erect the mast.

Yours sincerely

Lillian Sinclair

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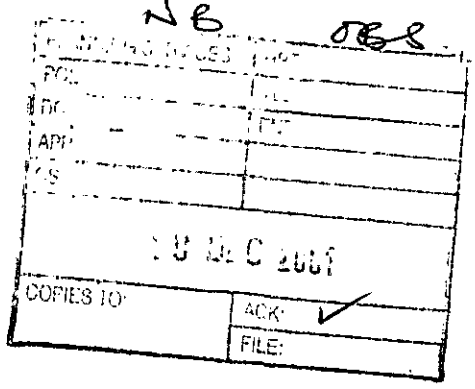

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Ms. Natalie Brown
Development Control Officer
Environmental Services Department
Planning Services
PO Box 157
Shute End,
Wokingham

Dear Ms. Brown,

Planning application TL/2001/5480; Telecom mast in Finchampstead Road.

I am writing to record my opposition to this application to build a phone mast on land in front of 390 Finchampstead Road.

My reasons are that the mast would be very close to homes in a residential area and that the mast and the associated cabinets will be a complete eyesore and will seriously detract from the general amenity value of the area.

Although I understand it is not a formal ground for objection, anxiety remains about the health risks associated with these masts and while that remains the case, they should be sited well away from houses.

I wrote to oppose the siting of a mast at the corner of Windsor Rise and Finchampstead Road, (TL 2001 4365) the council's refusal of which is being appealed. I confirm my continued opposition to that application. I trust the council will oppose the current application.

Yours sincerely,

Julia G.G. Little

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Environmental Services Department
Planning Services PO Box 157
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Dear Ms Brown

Re: Objection to Application Number TL/2001/5480
(Proposed erection of 15m high telecommunications column plus 2 radio equipment cabinets and ancillary development on land fronting 390 Finchampstead Road)

I am writing to strongly object to the above application.

I consider the proposed telecommunication column and radio cabinets to be drastically out of keeping with the locality. They will dominate and adversely affect the general appearance of the street. The 15m high column will be highly visible from a long distance, being 5 m higher than lamp posts. The 2 radio equipment cabinets proposed will dominate the street at ground level, being sizeable in nature.

The proposed site is in a densely populated residential area. I consider such a mast & equipment to be inappropriate in such a residential area.

Concerns have been raised about the long term health effects of telecommunications masts and equipment. Whilst the long term health impacts of such masts are open to doubt, I strongly feel that a precautionary approach should be adopted, avoiding siting such equipment in residential areas and/or close by to schools, which therefore means the proposed site by 390 Finchampstead Road is unsuitable.

Yours sincerely

Julia Race (Mrs)

Cc:

Councillor Tim Charlesworth
Councillor Roland Cundy

Natalie Brown

From: Susan Verdin
Sent: 18 December 2001 15:15
To: Natalie Brown; Ian Jordan
Subject: FW: FAO Planning Department Natalie Brown

We have received this email via the general WDC address, if you can help, please can you arrange a response and copy it to me for our logging system.

Thank you
Susan Verdin
Wokingham District Council
Website: www.wokingham.gov.uk

-----Original Message-----
From: J Race [SMTP:j.race@which.net]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2001 8:33 PM
To: wokinghamdc@wokingham.gov.uk
Subject: FAO Planning Department Natalie Brown

Dear Ms Brown

Please find attached a letter of objection to application number TL/2001/5480 (mast by 390 Finchampstead Road).

Please confirm that an emailed in letter counts as "in writing" i.e. that I do not need to post in a paper copy.

Yours sincerely

Julia Race (Mrs)
23 Windsor Ride
Finchampstead



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Ms. Natalie Brown
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Dear Ms. Brown

Planning application TL/2001/5480; Telecom mast in Finchampstead Road.

I am writing to record my opposition to this application to build a phone mast on land in front of 390 Finchampstead Road.

My reasons are that the mast would be very close to homes in a residential area and that the mast and the associated cabinets will be a complete eyesore and will seriously detract from the general amenity value of the area.

Although I understand it is not a formal ground for objection, anxiety remains about the health risks associated with these masts and while that remains the case, they should be sited well away from houses.

I wrote to oppose the siting of a mast at the corner of Windsor Rise and Finchampstead Road, (TL 2001 4365) the council's refusal of which is being appealed. I confirm my continued opposition to that application. I trust the council will oppose the current application.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond H. Little

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Dear Ms Brown,

Application Number: TL/2001/5480

Site Address: **Land fronting 390 Finchampstead Rd,Wokingham**

Proposal: **Proposed erection of a 15m high telecommunications column plus 2 radio equipment cabinets.**

I object most strongly to the above planning application, for the following reasons.

The telecommunication mast will adversely effect the street scene.

The mast will be situated in the middle of a residential area.

The removal of trees & shrubs will increase the view & noise of traffic.

I have a young family, as many of my neighbours, and the health risks regarding such masts is most concerning.

Over all the proposal is an 'eyesore' & will effect property values adveresly.

Having rejected a proposal 50 m fom this site ealier in the year I see no reason why this proposal should'nt be dealt with the same way.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. BURTON.

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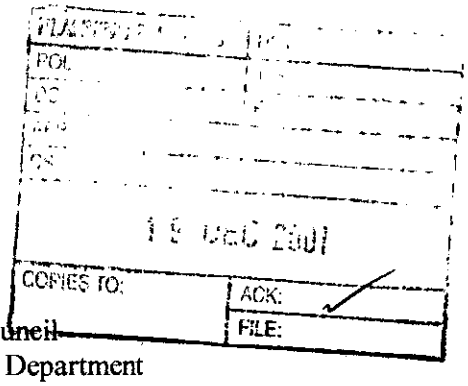
Dear Mrs Brown,

We join wholeheartedly with our neighbors in Finch Rd and object to B.T. Mast so near Residential area. In fact any where on the Finchampstead Rd.

Yours Sincerely.

A M & E B Fiddock



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M. DRIVER.

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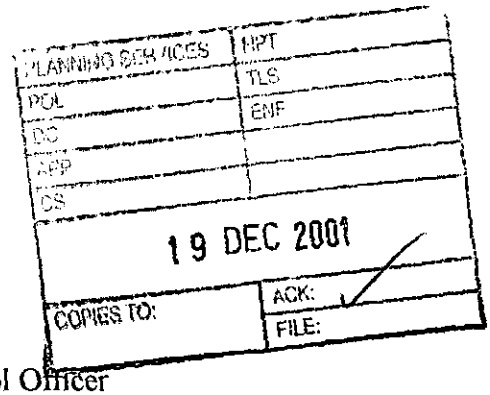

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Your ref : TL/2001/5480: Natalie Brown

Dear Ms Brown,

Application by BT Cellnet for the proposed erection of one 15m high monopole phone mast with tri-sector antenna plus two equipment cabinets and ancillary development on land fronting 390, Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead, Wokingham.

I should like to record my objections to this proposed development, which must relate to the previously refused application, TL/2001/4365 (July/August 2001) on land only tens of metres away at the junction of Finchampstead Road and Windsor Ride. It is perhaps coincidence but the timing of applications, so that notice periods fall during holiday periods, is attracting comment. Numbers of objections are, of course, minimised in consequence.

Having inspected the plans, I note that the mast is shown on land between Finchampstead Road itself and the "service road", adjacent to the existing pavement of Finchampstead Road. In my letter expressing objections to TL/2001/4365, I referred to a conversation with your Ms Vashi, the Development Control Officer handling that case, during which it emerged that:

> government advice is that there is no balance of evidence of adverse effects on humans, particularly to the brain, due to electromagnetic radiation from mobile phone use. There is, however, **a Wokingham District Council guideline that the mast shall be a minimum distance of 60m from residential accommodation.**

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There appears to be one overriding cause for rejection. **The distance of the pavement kerb of Finchampstead Road proper to the actual house wall of 390, Finchampstead Road is 21.5m, a distance approaching one-half of the guideline.** Furthermore young children are being encouraged to use the Finchampstead-Wokingham cycleway, currently under construction, on a several times daily basis on their way to Nine Mile Ride County Primary School. **This cyclepath running immediately outside of 390, Finchampstead Road, is centred at only 14.5m from the base of the proposed mast, providing regular exposure.**

Clearly the proximity guideline exists in case an adverse affect does emerge. Whilst I have never worked in this field, I am a recently retired research scientist who has followed the debate in the scientific press. Manufacturers of mobile phones have recently been required to quote figures for microwave emission levels and it has been shown that young children are particularly at risk. You may also be aware that the potentially lethal effects of electromagnetic radiation on those with cardiac pacemakers and the proximity of such patients have led to the rejection of similar applications.

The mast will undoubtedly provide an unwelcome visual impact upon what remains one of the more pleasant approaches into Wokingham and may also prove a danger approaching a roundabout which is potentially a serious road hazard.

An alternative suggestion might be to combine the new emitter with an existing mast. The promise of Ms Vashi in July 2001, to obtain a list of the sites of local masts and send them to my wife, has yet to be fulfilled.

We trust that the points raised will be duly considered and hope that severe objections, ours among them, will lead to the Application being rejected.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely

Dr J M Cox

I endorse the above comments.

Mrs M D Cox

cc. The Rt. Hon. Andrew MacKay, MP
(Email: mackaya@parliament.uk)
Mr Trevor Watson, Development Control Manager
Councillor Mrs Muriel Long

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Dear Madam,

Re: Application no. TL/2001/5480

I am writing to object to the above application. The health risks attached to mobile phone masts are well documented and some councils have made it a matter of policy not to site masts near schools or densely populated areas. The location of this proposed mast would be close to Nine Mile Ride School and also close to residents.

I would urge to you for these reasons to reject this application.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A.M. Harris

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W.D. LEWIS

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Yvonne Lewis. (Mrs.)

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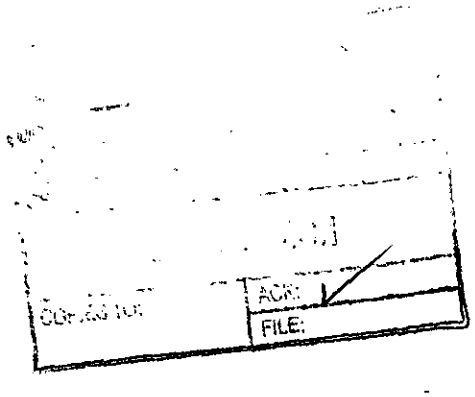

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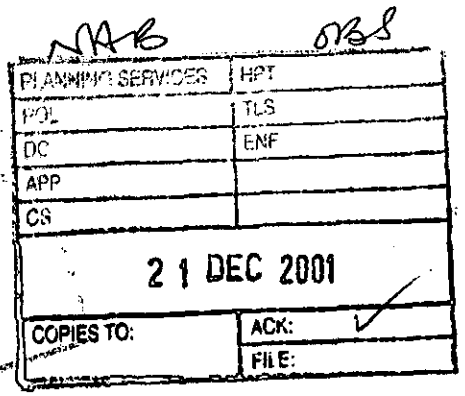

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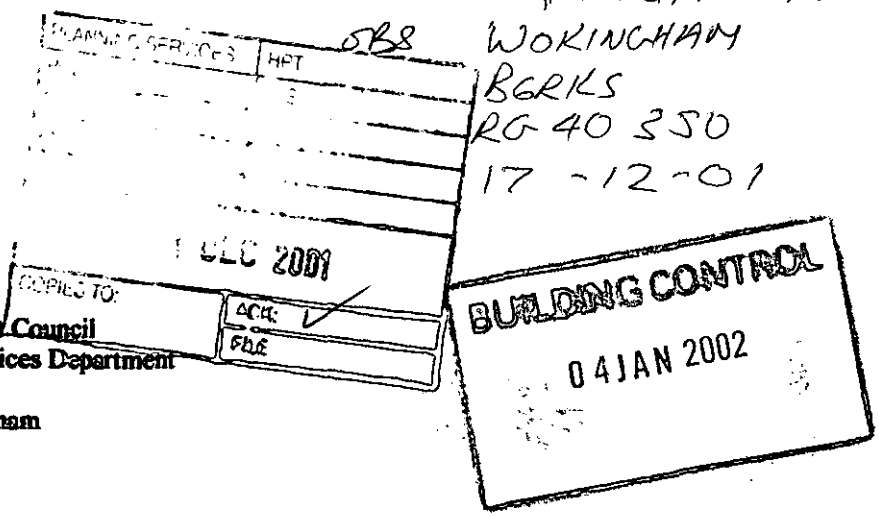

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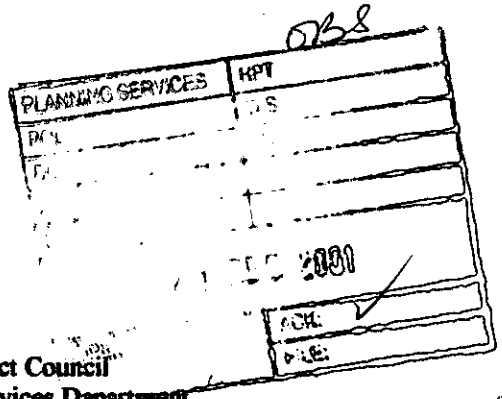

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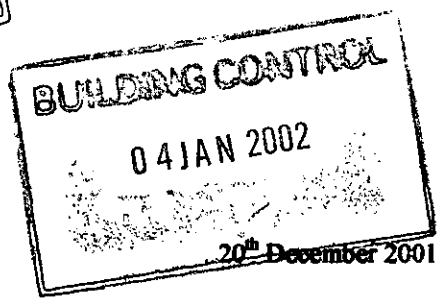

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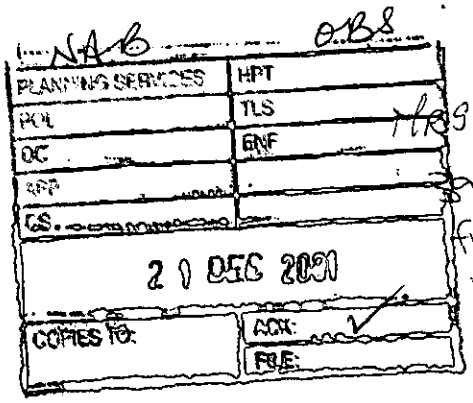

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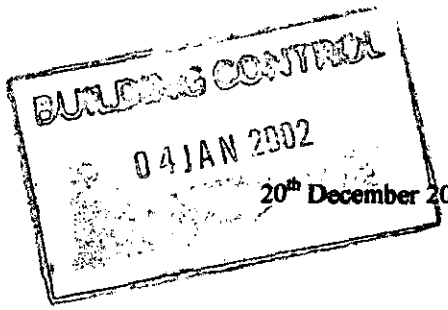

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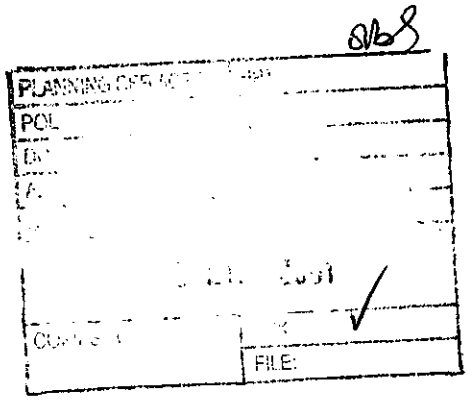

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Attn Natalie Brown

Dear Ms Brown,

Ref TL 2001/5480
15 Metre Mobile Phone Mast

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(1) At 15 metres (48.75 Ft) the mast will stand nearly twice the height of a major lamp post, with a diameter approx twice that of the base of a lamp post. Its visual appearance will therefore be gross as viewed from our main bedroom window. (I am assuming that all aerials are within the diameter of the mast. If not, the visual impact will be even worse.)

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Since our local M.P. The Rt. Hon. Andrew Mackay became involved when this mast was first proposed some months ago, I am sending him a copy of this objection.

Yours sincerely,

Brian F. Wright

Cc. Rt. Hon. A. Mackay

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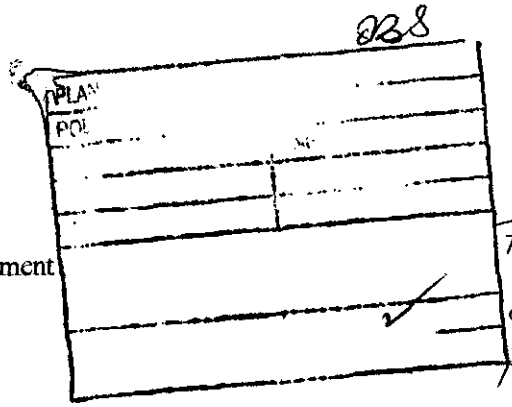

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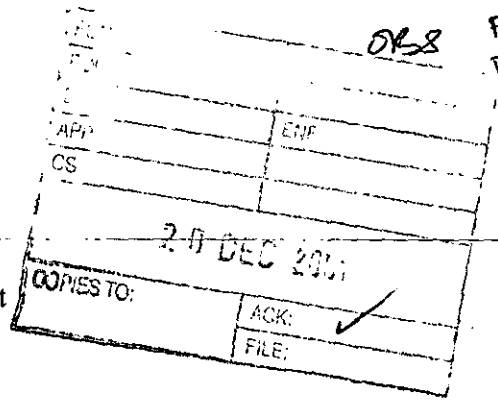

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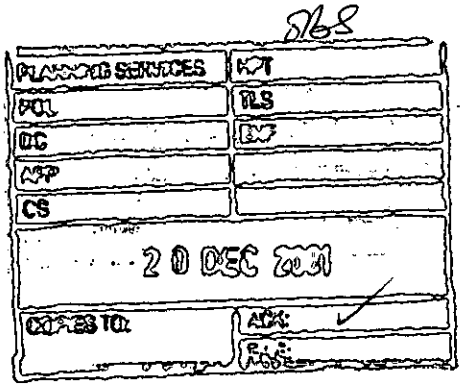

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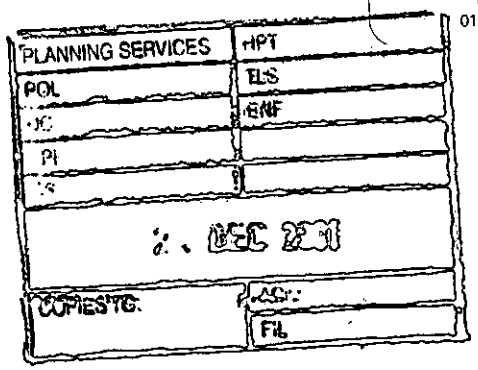

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17 December 2001-12-17

Dear Ms Brown

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Site Address: Land Fronting 390, Finchampstead Road, Wokingham
Proposal: Proposed erection of one 15 metre high monopole phone mast with one tri-sector antenna, two equipment cabinets and ancillary development

I refer to your letter of 12 December 2001 and wish to make some comments on the proposal.

Since receiving your letter I have undertaken some research into the subject of phone masts including reading the Government's response to the Tenth report by the Trade and Industry Committee – mobile phone masts. Therefore my comments are not based on ignorance. What is clear from my research is that there remain some doubts about the possible health dangers of long-term exposure to low level waves such as those which emanate from phone masts. One report concluded that there was scientific evidence of biological functions including that of the brain being affected, another that it was not possible to say that exposure at levels at or below the recommended level is without potential adverse health effects. I have two children aged 10 and 6 and am concerned for their future. I do not wish to take a chance. The proposed site is also half a mile away from two primary schools. If there is a need for such a mast, it should be sited away from residential areas, particularly where there is a high concentration of children.

The stretch of road where this erection is proposed is a residential area. All the properties are bungalows or chalet bungalows. The mast would be considerably higher than the housing and would be an environmental eyesore. Such masts should be carefully integrated into the environment and this is simply impossible on the site proposed, a grass verge with trees. How many trees would have to be removed to facilitate the mast?

I am concerned that the value of my property would be considerably reduced should a phone mast be erected where proposed, directly opposite my home. Would Cellnet or the Local Authority compensate me for this?

I am also concerned at the timing of this application. It seems to me that in view of the Christmas period the 21-day response time should be extended. The post will be adversely affected as well as your office being closed for a number of extra days. There also does not appear to be a planning notice * posted at the site, so passers by will not be able to have a say.

I question the need for a phone mast. The mobile phone industry is in decline, suffering from a slump in sales as well as the fallout from September 11th. Have Cellnet considered sharing an existing mast, as is recommended?

I understand that there is another proposal for mast just feet away from this. Perhaps I should re-name my house 'Phone Masts'!

A neighbour has also asked me to sign a round robin, which I enclose. I am copying this letter to Counsellor Roland Cundy.

Yours sincerely

G Elliott

* This has now appeared.

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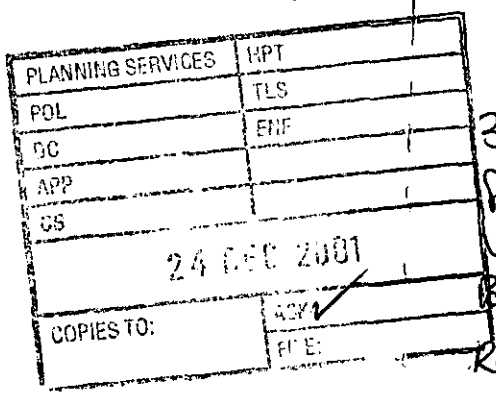

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Dear Ms Brown,

Application Number: **TL/2001/5480**
Site Address: **Land fronting 390 Finchampstead Rd, Wokingham**
Proposal: **Proposed erection of 15m high telecommunications column plus 2 radio equipment cabinets**

I write to object strongly to the above planning application, on the following grounds:

1 **The fact that the telecommunications mast will adversely affect the street scene**; the general appearance of the low level housing will be spoilt by the towering mast.

2 **The close proximity of the mast to residential areas**; the proposed mast would be in the middle of a large residential area of a number of housing estates.

Also, it can be considered as a **risk to health**; it is likely to affect the general value of property in the area.

Yours sincerely,

S.L. Murfitt.

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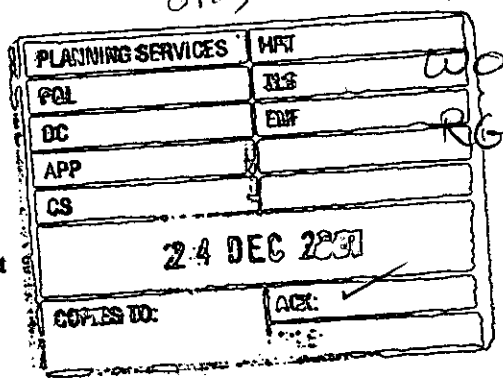

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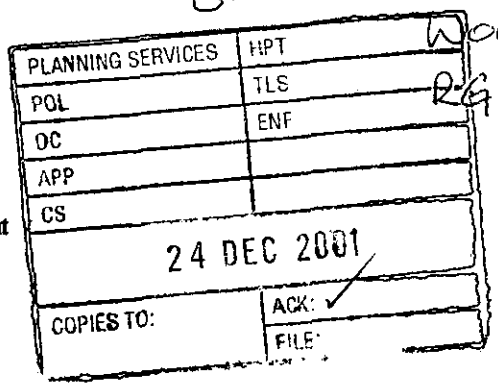

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Ms Natalie Brown
Planning Dept
Wokingham Unitary

19 December 2001

Dear Ms Brown

Objection to Planning Application TL/2001/5480 for mobile phone mast.

I have lived 4 houses away from the proposed site of this phone mast for the last 45 years and trust that you will consider my concerns when reaching your decision on this matter. I object for the following reasons:

RESIDENTIAL AMENITY
The windows at the front of my property overlook the proposed site, which is only 75m from my boundary. My current outlook is of open sky broken only by mature trees . The busy road, roundabout and associated road signs are all screened by a substantial laurel hedge. This mast would totally dominate the main area of visible sky. The 15m high steel structure would look like an electricity pylon and would ruin my immediate outlook and would consequently have a detrimental impact on the residential amenity of my property and that of my neighbours.

EFFECT ON STREET SCENE
As well as having a negative affect on my (and my neighbours) enjoyment of our properties, this proposal would be totally at odds with the character of the local street scene and properties. The environmental impact would be entirely negative and most unwelcome.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
I also have concerns about the well publicised health risks associated with both mobile phone usage and phone masts such as this. Since this is an area of ongoing uncertainty, I believe you should err on the side of caution when reaching your decision.

ROAD SAFETY
This large structure will distract motorists and create a road safety hazard as they approach the adjacent Finchampstead Road/Barkham Ride/Windsor Ride roundabout. The recent Appeal Court decision of Kane v New Forest District Council (August 2001), means that local authorities must consider that planning decisions can impact on road safety issues and that they will be held liable if subsequent injuries occur.

I encourage you to take all the above points into consideration and request that you refuse application TL/2001/5480 which has no merit whatsoever.

Yours sincerely

L. F. Weeks

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I object for the above application for the following reasons:

PRECEDENT
Wokingham Unitary has recently refused an identical application (also for BT Cellnet) ref TL/2001/4365. Since this proposal is less than 100m from the refused site, clearly all the same reasons apply.

LOSS OF RESIDENTIAL AMENITY
Adjoining properties overlook the proposed site, the outlook is of open sky broken only by mature trees . This mast would totally dominate the main area of visible sky. The 15m high steel structure would look like an electricity pylon and would ruin adjoining properties immediate outlook and would consequently have a detrimental impact on their residential amenity.

DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON STREET SCENE
As well as having a negative affect on neighbouring properties, this proposal would be totally at odds with the character of the local street scene and the mast would have an entirely negative environmental impact which would be most unwelcome.

IMPACT ON ROAD SAFETY
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LEGAL LIABILITY RISK
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Yours sincerely

Simon Weeks

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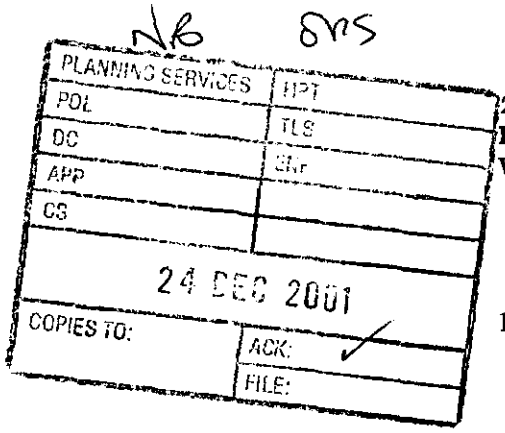

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Natalie Brown
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18 December 2001

Dear Ms Brown

Objection to Application TL/2001/5480 for BT Cellnet phone mast.

I object for the above application. Please consider the following reasons:

PRECEDENT
Wokingham Unitary has just refused (Oct 2001) an identical application (also for BT Cellnet) ref TL/2001/4365. Since this new proposal is only 100m from the previously refused site, the same reasons for Wokingham Unitary's refusal must also apply to this application.

LOSS OF RESIDENTIAL AMENITY
A 15m high steel structure would look like an electricity pylon and would ruin adjoining properties immediate outlook and would consequently have a detrimental impact on their residential amenity.

DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON STREET SCENE
As well as having a negative affect on neighbouring properties, this proposal would be totally at odds with the character of the local street scene and the mast would have an entirely negative environmental impact, which would be inappropriate.

IMPACT ON ROAD SAFETY
This large structure will distract motorists and create a road safety hazard at the busy approach to the immediately adjacent Finchampstead Road and Barkham Ride roundabout.

LEGAL LIABILITY RISK
The recent Appeal Court decision of Kane v New Forest District Council (August 2001) means that local authorities must now consider how their planning decisions can impact on road safety issues and that they could be held liable if subsequent injuries occur as a result of allowing a foreseeable danger to be created.

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Yours sincerely

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Your Ref. TL/20015480

Dear Natalie Brown,

I wish to protest most strongly at the proposal to position a 15 meter high phone mast in the Finchamstead Road.

We objected to the previous application for a similar construction a few yards South East of this proposal. This has gone to appeal and before this has even been debated BT Cellnet Ltd are attempting to push through another proposal.

It should have been made quite clear by your department to BT that no phone mast would be allowed on a main road adjacent to residential housing.

As my enclosed map shows, there is ample space in the area on golf courses and swampland, without encroaching close to roads and private properties. Surely Church Steeples and other provider's masts should be considered.

I realise as far as BT are concerned it comes down to money, but if they wish to improve their mobile phone network it must not be at the Wokingham Ratepayers expense.
It is obvious that the properties overlooking the mast will loose value; therefore they will be in a good position to sue for compensation.

Yours sincerely

L Alexander

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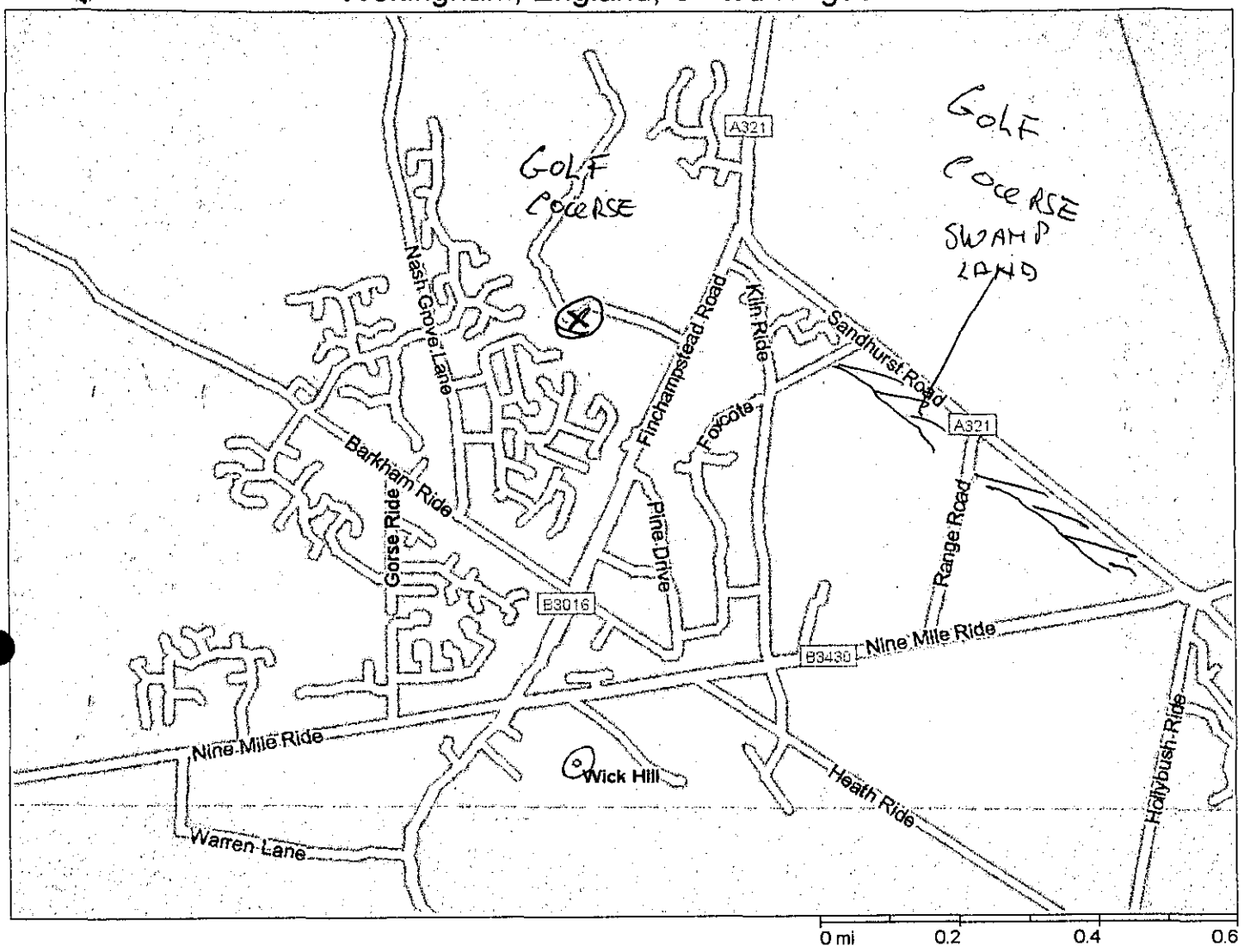

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Dear Mrs Brown,

15th December 2001.

Reference: TL2001/5480.

With reference to your letter dated the 12th December 2001, regarding application number: TL/2001/5480, for the proposed erection of one 15-metre monopole phone mast.

I have reviewed the proposed site and consider that the positioning would be wholly inappropriate, to position a mast in full view of both the passing public and the local residence, would not be aesthetically pleasing.

In addition, I would object on potential health grounds, what are the health implications of living near these masts? Has there been any study into their effects and if the answer is yes, for what duration was the study conducted, by whom and what were the results?

I therefore, confirm my objection to this proposed application.

Yours sincerely

C.Homewood

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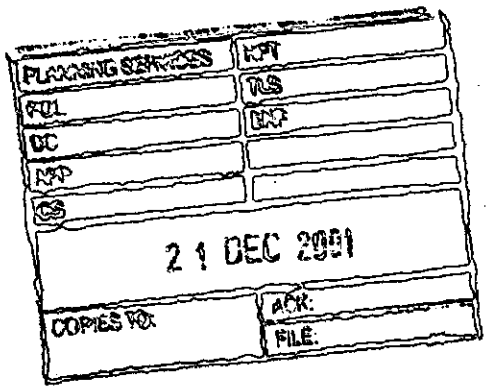

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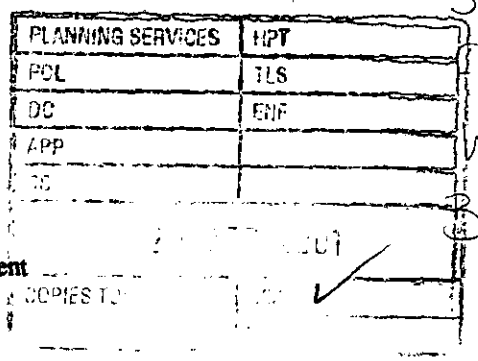

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T. P. Clark

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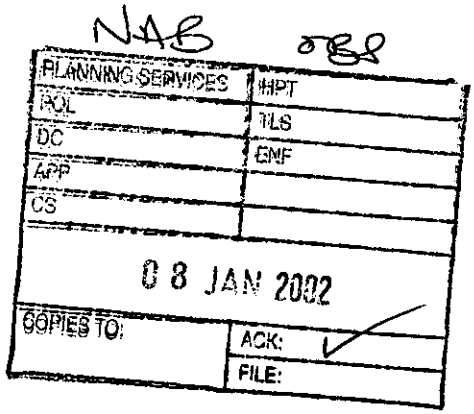

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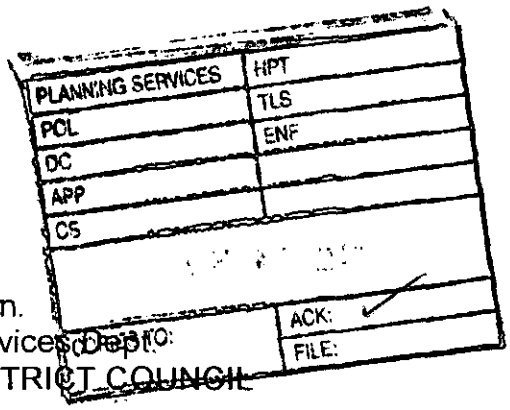

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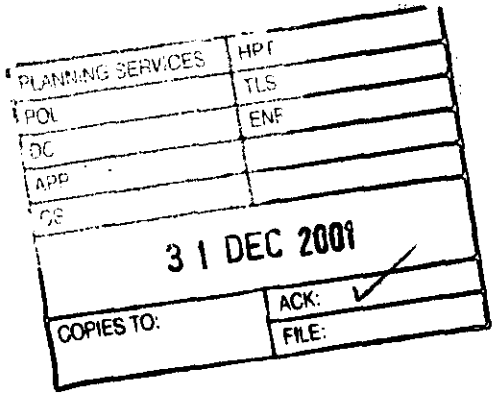

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Natalie Brown
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Dear Madam

Application Number: TL/2001/5480

Site Address: Land fronting 390, Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead, Wokingham

Proposal: Proposed erection of 15m high monopole phone mast with one tri-sector antenna, two equipment cabinets and ancillary development

I wish to oppose the above-referenced planning application on the following grounds:

1. The proposed site of the telecommunications mast is in a residential area, with all roads in the vicinity lined with houses and 2 significant housing estates - Fernlea and that adjacent to Arnett Avenue - in close proximity. There are several non-residential areas in the neighbourhood where the mast could be sited at a distance from housing e.g. the Barkham end of Barkham Ride or Sandmartins Golf Club.

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3. There are still concerns over the possible long-term health effects of this type of equipment on the local population, particularly children, and the proposed site is in a residential area. The technology is too young for there to have been any definitive scientific studies showing that there is no risk to residents.

4. The mast will be sufficiently close to the road to constitute a hazard to traffic. Traffic flow at the nearby junction is heavy at all times of day and there are frequent accidents, partly due to excessive speed and partly due to reduced visibility on certain approaches to the roundabout. Last August a car involved in an accident on the roundabout demolished our perimeter fence (at some distance from the junction itself) and our neighbours (at 123 Barkham Ride) have also had part of their fence demolished by a car losing control coming off the roundabout. At night vehicles approach and exit the junction far too fast and the sound of screeching brakes is commonplace.

5. The area is prone to vandalism. My husband has frequently called out the Police in response to acts of vandalism (particularly on fine Summer nights). A telecommunications mast is likely to be seen as a "new challenge" by the vandals and there will be a danger both to the individuals involved and to the equipment.

6. An appeal has recently been lodged against refusal of planning consent for another telecommunications mast in close proximity to this site (TL/2001/4365) and the result of this is awaited. It is totally unacceptable that a residential area with a high proportion of children in the population should be bombarded with applications of this type and in my view this new application and the appeal against TL/2001/4365 have both been lodged at a time of year when local residents are particularly busy with seasonal preparations and unlikely to mobilise opposition. The two planning applications should be considered together rather than dealt with independently and furthermore, the Council should be required to take a more pro-active approach to finding suitable sites for telecommunications masts that are not in the middle of residential areas.

I hope that you will give these objections serious consideration and look forward to hearing that the planning application has been rejected.

Yours Faithfully

Catherine Boyack

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Dear Natalie Brown,

Ref Planning Application No. TL/2001/5480

Thank you for your letter of 12th December informing us of the proposed erection of a telecommunications column and cabinets in Finchampstead Road. In this letter you asked for any comments to be sent to you. This application is virtually identical to the one in July for a mast to be erected a few yards further along the road. I wrote objecting to that and since this is the same then most of the comments apply also.

I feel that the height of this mast is out of keeping with the small bungalows that surround the proposed site and would adversely affect the appearance of this part of the area. I also feel that the size of the two radio cabinets would detract from the roadside verges.

I would also suspect that such a mast near to low level properties would create ghosting on terrestrial television signals.

The siting of this mast is right in the middle of a residential area, which I understood to be against the advice of the government department concerned. They should be sited away from such areas, which should not be difficult within this district.

I would like these comments to be considered by you when assessing the application.

Yours Sincerely

P A Turner.

Peter A. Turner

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I totally endorse the views of Andrew Mackays in the attached letter, and confirm my objection to the proposal.

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20 December, 2001

Dear Mrs James

BT CELLNET PROPOSAL TO ERECT A RADIO MAST

Further to my letter in August I regret to say that despite the District Council turning down the BT Cellnet proposal to erect a radio mast on Finchampstead Road a fresh application has now been submitted sited some only 30 yards away. This is particularly regrettable bearing in mind it is the Christmas season and therefore most people's minds are elsewhere. I fear there might be only a limited amount of time to object and so you may well wish to, like me, make representations to the District Planning Officer again.

I am working closely with your excellent Ward Councillor, Tom Charlesworth and my local representative, Bob Stanton, to ensure that this unfortunate application is turned down. It is far too close to homes and again I believe the District Council is at fault in allowing such an application on their land.

Let us hope good sense prevails.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Mackay

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For attn: Natalie Brown Development Control Officer

Dear Sirs

Application No TL/2001/5480
Land fronting 390 Finchampstead Road Finchampstead
Proposed erection of one 15 metre high monopole phone mast

I write with reference to the above planning application submitted by BT CELLNET to which I, like others in the area, strongly object.

I, like many others, use a mobile telephone but would add that I have never experienced any difficulty in obtaining a signal, so cannot understand why this proposal is considered necessary.

There can be no justification for placing such a mast in the midst of a residential area, especially in such close proximity to bungalows, over which it would tower quite conspicuously - to say nothing of the possible health hazard.

There are several open spaces (scrubland and fields) along the Finchampstead Road where the mast could be placed away from homes.

Whilst we all have to come to terms with modern technology, the desire to accommodate it should not interfere with the individual's "quality of life". Therefore I would ask you to please turn down the above application, and if it is considered really necessary for such a mast to be erected in the area (which I would assess as debatable) then it should be placed away from homes - we all have a right to protect our immediate environment.

Yours faithfully

D Henderson

Mrs D Henderson

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28th December 2001

For the attention of Natalie Brown

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As a previous application by another company in a similar location has recently been turned down by the Council, I pray that you will also see sense over the current, and any future, applications and deny planning consent.

Yours sincerely,

K M Taylor (Mrs)

K. M. TAYLOR

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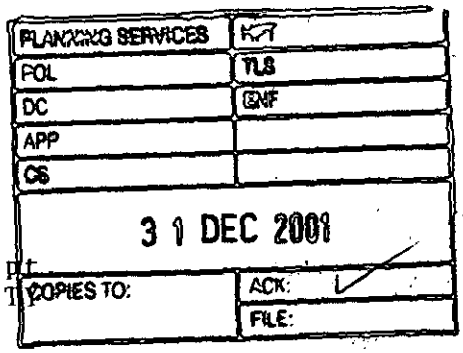
Yours Faithfully
K. Smith.



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Your reference:Natalie Brown TL2001/5480
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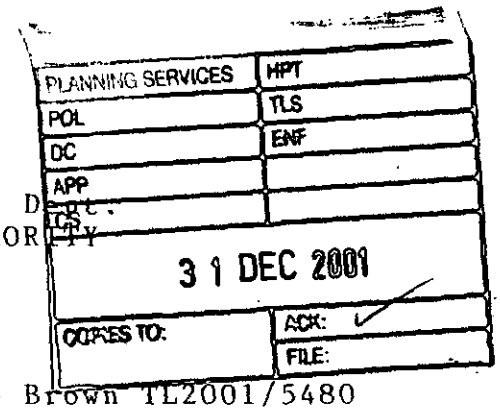

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PLANNING APPLICATION TL/2001/5480

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Please be prepared to prove that you have taken the advice of the appropriate Road Safety Organisations to the erection of the mast on this site.

I strongly object to the erection of such an aerial in the middle of a residential area and on a main road. I have no doubt that you are aware that it is the duty of the Council, to whom we pay a considerable amount of money in rates, to protect the Residents from such needless vandalism.

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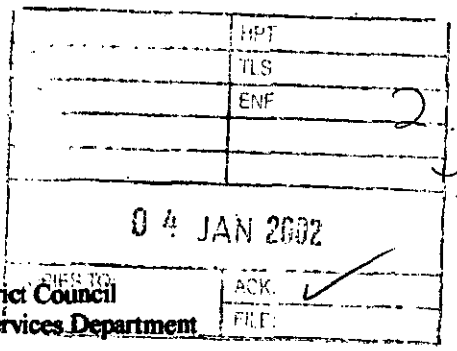

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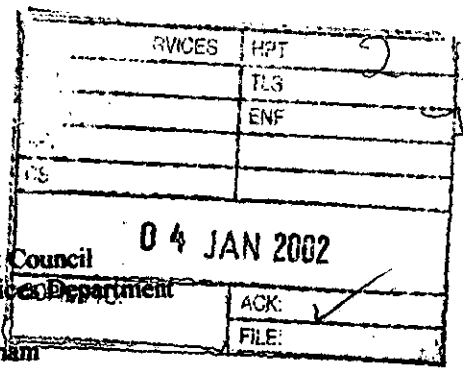

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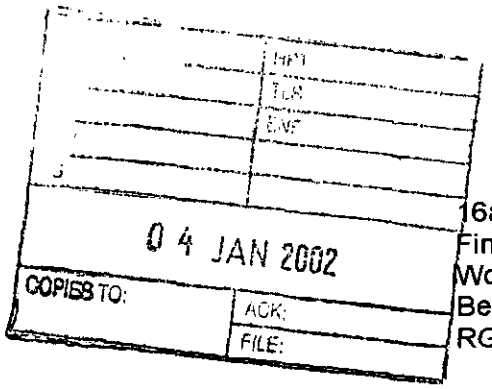

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Dear Madam

Application No TL/2001/5480
Cellnet Ltd
Proposed erection of 15 metre high monopole phone mast with one tri-sector antenna, two equipment cabinets and ancillary development on land fronting 390 Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead, Wokingham

I object most strongly to the above planning application on the grounds of close proximity of the mast to residential areas and the fact that it would prove most unsightly.

The Barkham Ride/Windsor Ride/Finchampstead mini roundabout sees its fair share of accidents and further items of street furniture would add to the dangers.

I wonder whether the nearness to Christmas and New Year has anything to do with the timing of this application when many people will be away and perhaps too busy to voice their thoughts in the time limit?

Yours faithfully

Aline Brown

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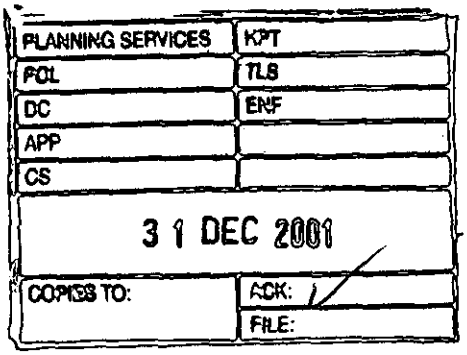

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We wish to place an objection on record to the proposed erection of a 15 metre high monopole phone mast with one tri-sector antenna, two equipment cabinets and ancillary development, on land fronting 390 Finchampstead Road.

This is the second application by BT Cellnet Ltd to erect a phone mast in this area. The previous application failed because the WDC declared:

"The proposal is unacceptable in view of its proximity to residential property and the impact upon the character of the area."

We have viewed the current plans and are of the opinion that the same comment applies. The location has simply been moved along the Finchampstead Road by several metres. The mast would still be in a residential area and, despite the site plans showing tree screening, such an installation would still attract the eye of motorists as they approach the busy roundabout. Undoubtedly such an installation would also detract from the value of the adjacent properties..

We have also noted that BT Cellnet Ltd have explored the possibility of alternative locations with local landowners to no avail. We hope that WDC will once again be able to refuse planning permission.

Yours sincerely,

E & J Burnham

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Dear Sir or Madam Outside 390 Finchampstead Road. TH/2001/5480

BT Cellnet Proposal to Erect a Radio Mast

We are writing to object to the above Planning application which we are informed has recently been submitted.

1. Any Radio Mast on the Finchampstead Road would be far too near housing and could be harmful to health.

2. At the point proposed it would create a hazard to traffic i.e. it would cause a distraction on an already very busy road.

3. It would also be an eyesore and affect the whole of Finchampstead.

4. We are also surprised that the District Council should consider allowing BT to erect such a structure on Council land and spoil the local environment.

We trust that this application will be turned down.

Yours faithfully

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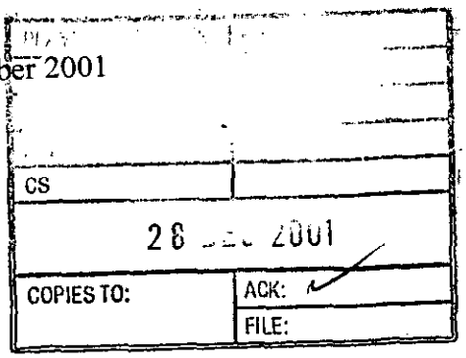

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So, on the grounds of spoiling the environment, the health hazard which has not been disproved, the effect on property prices and the total eyesore this erection will be in what is pretty semi-rural area, we would hope that this application will again be turned down.

We also trust that should this be the case the Council will not permit further applications to be made a few yards further down the road until BT have their way. It is disgraceful that the District Council have allowed such applications on their land.

Yours faithfully,

DMT and JM Day.

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Site Address: **Land fronting 390 Finchampstead Rd, Wokingham**
Proposal: **Proposed erection of 15m high telecommunications column plus 2 radio equipment cabinets**

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2 **The close proximity of the mast to residential areas**; the proposed mast would be in the middle of a large residential area of a number of housing estates.

Also, it can be considered as a **risk to health**; it is likely to affect the general value of property in the area.

Yours sincerely,

E. J. Walters (Ms.)

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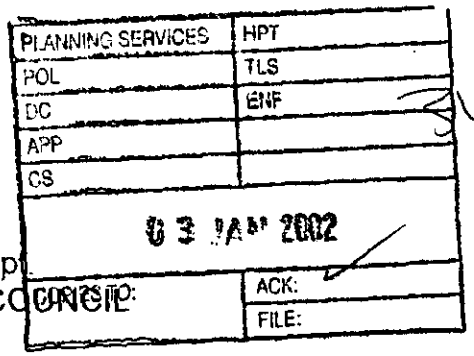

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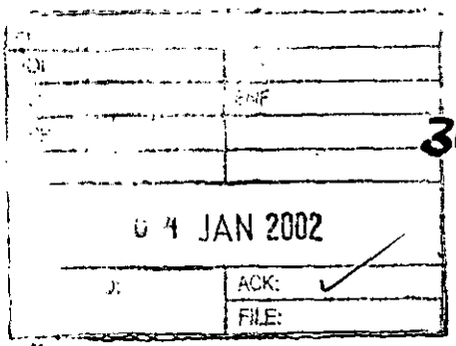

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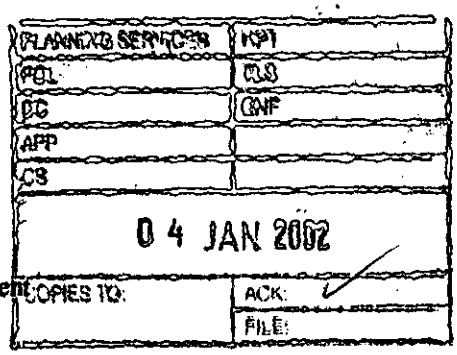

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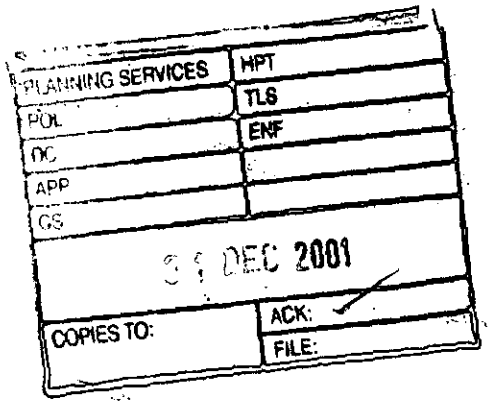

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Site Address: **Land fronting 390 Finchampstead Rd, Wokingham**
Proposal: **Proposed erection of 15m high telecommunications column plus 2 radio equipment cabinets**

I write to object strongly to the above planning application, on the following grounds:

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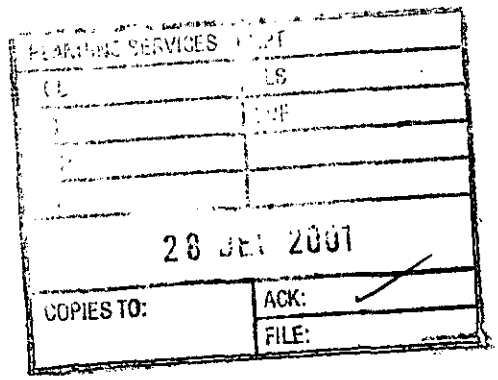

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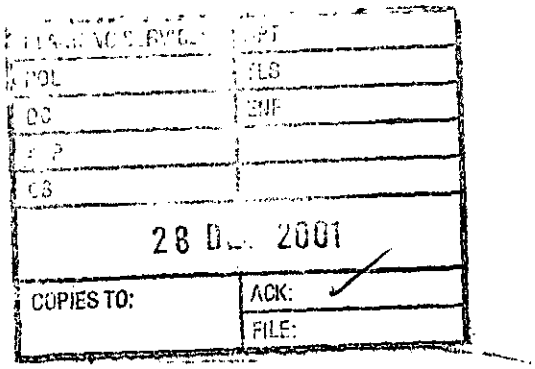

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22nd Dec 2001

Ref - Application No TL/2001/5480

Dear Madam

I am in receipt of your letter regarding the above application to erect a 50ft communications Aerial/Tower together with control cabinets at a site 390 Finchampstead Road.

I hereby place on record my,

TOTAL OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION

For the following reasons, although I find it hard to understand how this unrealistic, absurd application can have been processed this far without being rejected.

The Finchampstead Road is one of the nicest roads on its route from Wokingham to California Finchampstead and further. A great deal of effort by the Council and Community has been made to preserve its rural nature and residential environment enjoyed by all that pass along it and especially by those that reside there.

It would reflect quite wrong and totally unsound judgement to allow a 50 foot high Aerial/ Tower such as this eyesore to be erected at any location anywhere along the 3.5-mile stretch of the Finchampstead road from Wokingham and in this area.

At the very least, I would request that a more suitable site should be found for this Aerial, perhaps,

(a) At the rear of an Industrial/Commercial Estate or Premises
(b) In a location where other steel poles already exist, if they can be found anywhere as high as 15 metres, may be close to a railway

Many official bodies have already addressed the HEALTH RISK posed by the transmission high frequency waves from handsets. What do we get at the source (a TRANSMITTING AERIAL)—What is the risk here?

Whilst I appreciate that reception for mobile phones in the area is poor the vast majority of persons already have land line phones in their houses so the need to use a mobile is not essential. NO PERSON IS CUT OFF FROM USING THE TELECOMMS NETWORK.

I hope the Wokingham District Council will give this OBJECTION it's full support in order to maintain the environment of the land and people which it serves. Let us not allow this prized area of the District to be ruined in favour of the financial gain of a PRIVATE COMPANY.

A copy of my letter has already been sent to the Town Clerk

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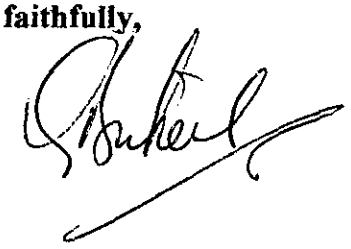

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Ms Natalie Brown
Case Officer
Wokingham District Council
Environmental Services Department
Planning Services
PO Box 157
Shute End
Wokingham

Dear Ms Brown,

Application Number: **TL/2001/5480**
Site Address: **Land fronting 390 Finchampstead Rd, Wokingham**
Proposal: **Proposed erection of 15m high telecommunications column plus 2 radio equipment cabinets**

I write to object strongly to the above planning application, on the following grounds:

1 **The fact that the telecommunications mast will adversely affect the street scene**; the general appearance of the low level housing will be spoilt by the towering mast.

2 **The close proximity of the mast to residential areas**; the proposed mast would be in the middle of a large residential area of a number of housing estates.

Also, it can be considered as a **risk to health**; it is likely to affect the general value of property in the area.

Yours sincerely,

E. C & W. J. Markett.

We fully endorse attached neighbours comments.

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Tel: 0118 973 0822

15th December 2001

Dear Resident,

Ref: Planning Application Number TL/2001/5480

I hope by now you have heard of the proposal by BT for the erection of a 15m high telecommunications column plus 2 radio equipment cabinets on the land fronting 390 Finchampstead Road, Wokingham. If, like us, you would like to stop it, please, please take the time during this busy period to send your objections to The Council. I understand that telecommunications equipment does not follow the standard planning application procedure, and so The Council can only stop it if local residents have raised enough objections. Therefore, your letters count.

This is the second such proposal by BT in less than 5 months, and the previous application was for a mast less than 50 m from this proposal (on the land at the junction of Windsor Ride and Finchampstead Road). The previous application was rejected because The Council received enough letters. Our understanding, from the last application, is that The Council can only object on two grounds, which I have described below:

1 **The close proximity of the mast to residential areas**; the proposed mast would be within a few metres of a large number of houses, including our house which would be less than 10m away, and there are at least a dozen other houses which are located close to the proposed site. This is generally a highly populated area with a large number of housing estates, and is therefore totally unsuitable for the location of such a mast.

2 **The adverse effect of the mast and radio cabinets on the appearance of the area**; the majority of the nearby houses are bungalows, or chalet bungalows, providing a pleasant, low level residential area. The mast would tower over these houses, probably by as much as twice their height and would therefore be highly conspicuous and generally "an eye-sore". At ground level, the base of the mast and the radio cabinets would detract from the pleasant grassed areas surrounding the roundabout at the junction. The removal of the shrubs would cause a considerable (and unacceptable) increase of traffic noise to the surrounding houses.

Finally, there is the **risk to health**; although it has not been proven that such masts and radio equipment are a health hazard, it has not been disproved either. I consider that living within 10m of such equipment would be an unacceptable risk to my family's health and would therefore be forced to move immediately. I would also expect to see a drop in the value of my house and the surrounding properties since many other people, especially those with young children, would find the unknown health risk unacceptable as well.

To save you time, I have attached a copy letter that you can use to voice your objection to The Council. Please write your address on the top, date and sign it. Please send one copy per adult within your household; every letter counts.

Let's hope we can prevent this proposal as well.

Many thanks
Carol Court

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There are also other risks involved to children and youths within the local area. The mast would surely act as an object of curiosity. This would inevitably lead to potential vandalism or even worse injury.

As home owners, very near the proposed site, we are extremely concerned as to the detrimental effects that such a hideous mast would have on the potential value of our property.

In reference to the previous planning application (ref: TL/2001/4365) from July 2001, we were outraged to read the quote from page three of the Wokingham Times where BT spokesman Kristi Conacher said, "The only reason we put up phone masts is if the coverage is needed, so the demand has to be there in the first place." "It's all very well people opposing it but they're the ones using the mobile phones."

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13 December 2001

Natalie Brown
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Dear Ms Brown

Re Application Number TL/2001/5480

I object to the above application for the following reasons:

Firstly the mast and associated equipment would spoil the appearance of the local area. The local residents take pride in the land fronting the whole of this part of Finchampstead Road and spend a great deal of time and effort in maintaining it. A mast and associated equipment would be totally out of character within this residential setting.

Secondly, until the telecommunication industry can categorically state that there are **no** health hazards arising from the mast transmissions, I must also object on the potential health risk grounds.

Yours sincerely

A P Watts

By hand, 28/12/01.

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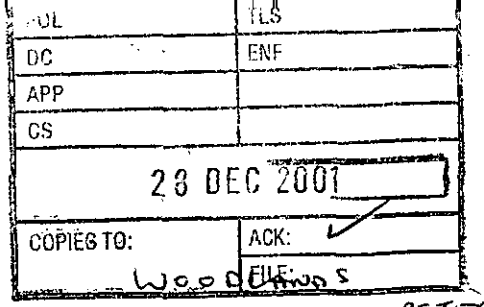

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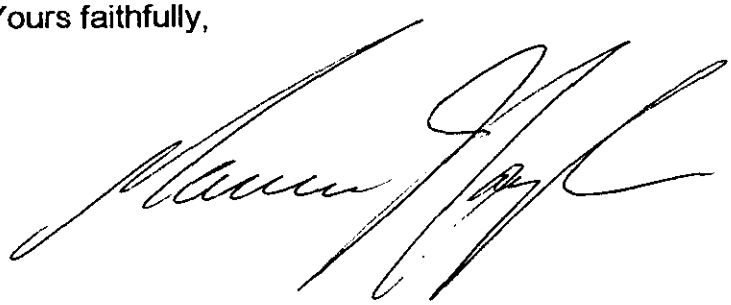

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31 December 2001

The Planning Inspectorate
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Bristol BS1 6PN

Attention: Mrs M Pocock

Dear Mrs Pocock,

Reference: APP/X0360/A/01/1078226

I refer to planning applications made by BT Cellnet for the erection of a radio mast and equipment near to my home on the Finchampstead Road, Wokingham.

You will be aware of the reasons for the refusal of planning permission in August 2001, against which this Appeal has now been lodged. The application raised considerable and documented local concern. In addition to this, however, BT Cellnet have now raised a further application (December 2001), as well as lodging this Appeal, for the erection of the mast and equipment, again on the Finchampstead Road and only a few yards from their first application site. This is also being challenged.

This regrettable and continuing sequence of events seems to illustrate the arrogance of BT Cellnet in wishing to discard the feelings of considerable numbers of residents in an area they wish, inappropriately, to endanger and spoil. In the circumstances, it might even be considered that their continuing action constitutes harassment, seeking attrition of the will of people to object to their unreasonable plans.

I hope that you will consider the Appeal bearing these further comments in mind and would be most grateful if you would inform me of the result in due course.

Yours sincerely,

(A H Millington)

Copies to :
The Rt. Hon. Andrew MacKay M.P. House of Commons
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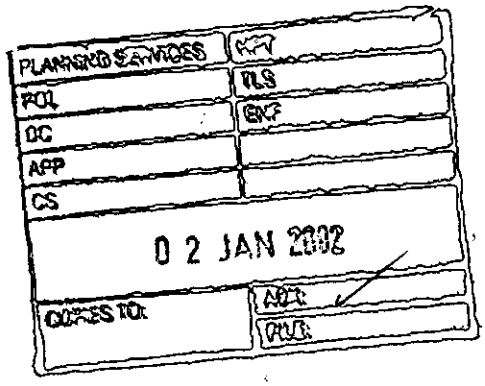

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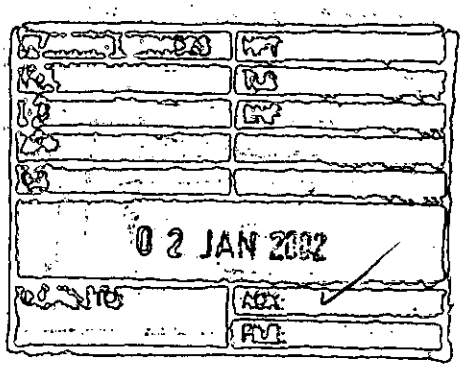

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6. I live in a very nice area of Wokingham and in a very nice house, which has a good current valuation. The erection of such a mast, will undoubtedly reduce the valuation of my property. Should you agree to planning permission I will have no alternative but to seek legal action to reclaim the devaluation of my property.

I would seriously ask you to consider the above points, prior to your meeting to decide on the planning application for this mast. It must not be allowed. Surely there are more suitable sites away from housing and the pathway of children.

I would be pleased to receive your confirmation of receipt of this letter and look forward to receiving your reply, **before** any decision is made.

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6. I live in a very nice area of Wokingham and in a very nice house, which has a good current valuation. The erection of such a mast, will undoubtedly reduce the valuation of my property. Should you agree to planning permission I will have no alternative but to seek legal action to reclaim the devaluation of my property.

I would seriously ask you to consider the above points, prior to your meeting to decide on the planning application for this mast. It must not be allowed. Surely there are more suitable sites away from housing and the pathway of children.

I would be pleased to receive your confirmation of receipt of this letter and look forward to receiving your reply, **before** any decision is made.

Yours sincerely

Mr Arch. T. J. Thomson

MRS E SPEARPOINT
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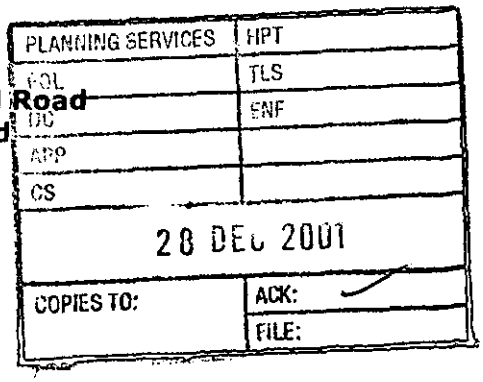

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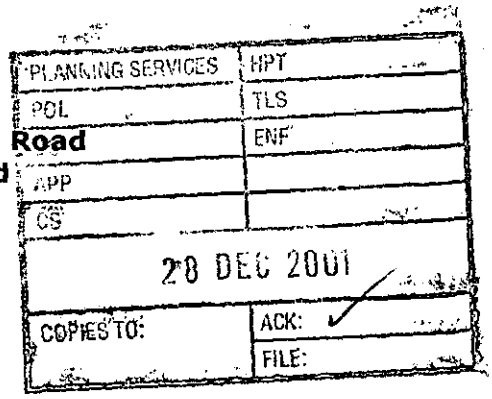

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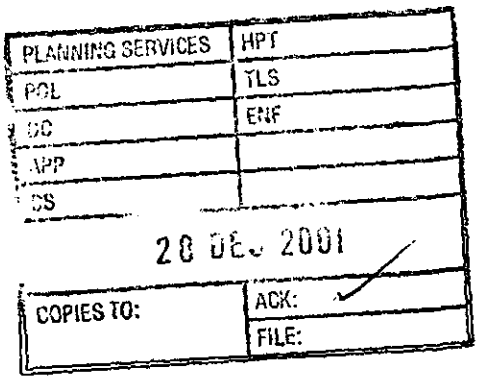

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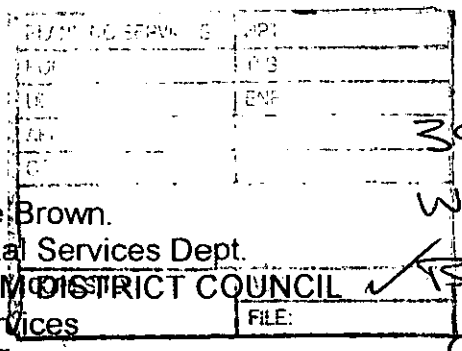
Yours sincerely

A Lewis

Arlette Lewis (Mrs)



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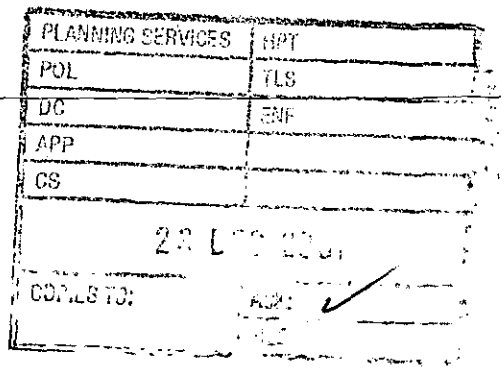

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Correspondent_Town: Wokingham
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Comments:

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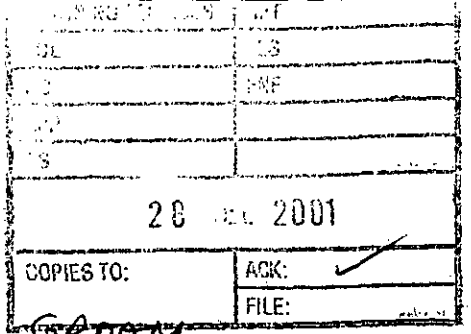
This application is requesting a large mast and other street furniture be sited next to a main road,that is in heavy use all day. Such a construction, I feel, will have an adverse effect on road safety.

Why do the council contemplate such construction on THEIR land? Cellnet and their like minded companies should be sent a clear message " not near residential areas!!!"



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M.R M. GROOM
409 FINCHAMPSTEAD ROAD
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26th December 2001

Your Ref: Natalie Brown TL2001/5480
PLANNING APPLICATION TL/2001/5480

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Yours faithfully,

M Groom

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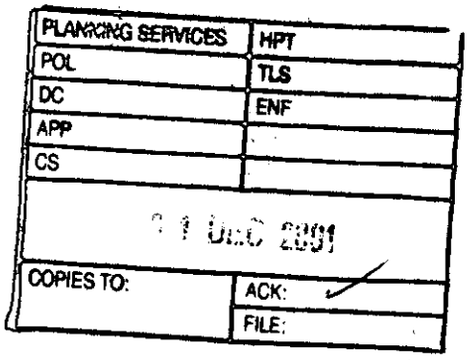

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Yours faithfully, H. M. Fishlock

MR E B Fishlock

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Ms Natalie Brown
Case Officer
Wokingham District Council
Environmental Services Department
Planning Services
PO Box 157
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Dear Ms Brown,

Application Number: **TL/2001/5480**
Site Address: **Land fronting 390 Finchampstead Rd, Wokingham**
Proposal: **Proposed erection of 15m high telecommunications column plus 2 radio equipment cabinets**

I write to object strongly to the above planning application, on the following grounds:

1 **The fact that the telecommunications mast will adversely affect the street scene**; the general appearance of the low level housing will be spoilt by the towering mast.

2 **The close proximity of the mast to residential areas**; the proposed mast would be in the middle of a large residential area of a number of housing estates.

Also, it can be considered as a **risk to health**; it is likely to affect the general value of property in the area.

Yours sincerely,

BMaigh (MR)

NO ADDRESS.

Stephen Rowson & Hilary Bamberger
1 Birch Road
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Attention: Natalie Brown

31st December 2001

Dear Natalie Brown

Application Number: TL/2001/5480

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

A mast which would be almost 50 feet high is far too tall and will spoil the appearance of the street scene in a residential area with a high proportion of bungalow dwellings.

The proposed location between two mature oak trees poses the risk of significant root damage to these trees. **Are these trees the subject of preservation orders?** If not I believe they, and all such trees along the Finchampstead Road should be made the subject of preservation orders at once to avoid damaging the few remaining mature deciduous trees in the area.

The design of the mast is potentially dangerous. If a vehicle struck such a tall slender object there is a high likelihood it would fall and cause damage to surrounding properties. Such a tall mast would need a considerable foundation to ensure it's stability in ordinary conditions and this type of foundation would undoubtably cause root damage.

According to BT Cellnet's documentation in support of their application, mobile phone companies must do everything they can to limit the number of masts and share equipment with other operators. **They are ignoring their own guidelines by applying for a mast just 100 metres away from an existing application currently going to appeal**. Is this a deliberate attempt by a large corporate company to overwhelm the planning process by submitting multiple applications?

According to BT Cellnet's documentation in support of their application, the mast only serves an area with a radius of 200 metres. This means they will need a mast **every 400 metres** in areas like Finchampstead. If one of these masts goes up, **more will surely follow from other phone companies thereby setting a dangerous precedent. Mobile phone companies must look for solutions where masts on high ground can serve a larger area and where the masts can be shared.**

According to BT Cellnet's documentation in support of their application, a mast's efficiency is affected by tall buildings and trees. They are trying to put a mast between two mature trees both nearly 50 feet tall. They are trying to hide the mast in a place where they admit it will not work efficiently. For 6 months of the year the mast will be highly visible and will dominate the local landscape. If the mast is erected what guarantee do we have that in the future they won't increase the power of the mast to make up for the fact it is between two trees?

We believe that locating tall mobile phone masts in residential areas which dominate the local street scene is wrong. We believe that locating them adjacent to people's houses is wrong. We believe that the Government's high-handed disregard for the concerns about the effect these masts may have on people's health is an infringement of people's human rights and that this should be tested under the relevant legislation. I trust the planning department will reflect local views and do everything possible to resist the imposition on us of masts such as the one covered by the proposal.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Rowson and Hilary Bamberger

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Re. Application No. TL/2001/5480

I wish to register my objection to the granting of planning approval for the above-mentioned application for a telecommunications mast. My objections are:
? safety – there has been no evidence that there will be no harmful effects from the radiation emitted by the mast.
? the mast will be sited in an area where there is a steady flow of pedestrian traffic. Furthermore, it is close to a school and bus stops where school children congregate daily.
? houses located on the hillside bounded by Windsor Ride will be in direct line of sight of the transmitting element.
? the proposed site is situated by the roadside near a busy roundabout and is highly likely to be a distraction to motorists with the potential for traffic accidents.
? the installation is out of place in a purely residential area and constitutes an eyesore. I would be surprised if planning permission were granted to anyone else wanting to build an ugly structure in this area.
? a more appropriate site for this installation would be on high ground away from any human habitation, preferably co-sited with other similar services.

One final consideration, if the radiation emitted from the mast is proved to be harmful, would the site owner be jointly liable for any punitive damages awarded?

Yours faithfully,

David A. Cooper

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THE RT. HON. ANDREW MACKAY M.P.

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WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL
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DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

17TH December 2001

Ack
② Advise agreed to case officer

Karen Satterford
Director of Environmental Services
Wokingham District Council
Shute End
Wokingham
Berks RG40 1BN

RE; PROPOSED MOBILE TELEPHONE MAST FINCHAMPSTEAD ROAD, FINCHAMPSTEAD

I was appalled to learn that a fresh application has been made only some 30 yards from the previous site which was turned down by your Council. I do believe that this is far too close to residential homes and is also an eyesore in the centre of the village.

I do hope my views and those of local residents are borne in mind and that you again reject the application.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

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The Conservative Party

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Ms Natalie Brown
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Dear Ms Brown

Re Telephone Mast outside 390 Finchampstead Road

Please find attached a petition which has been signed by residents living in and around the area of 390 Finchampstead Road which represents the direct area impacted by this proposal.

The local population are very concerned about the health and safety aspects of this proposal so close to their homes which in their view represents a serious threat. In addition it would be unsightly and damage the environment to a large degree.

Yours sincerely

R A Stanton
Consistency Chairman

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Planning Application reference: TL/2001/5480 *(Linked with TL/2001/4365)*

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[signature]	RH LITTLE	380 Finchampstead Road.
Julia G.G. Little	Julia G.G. Little	380 Finchampstead Road.
D Clark DEAN CLARK	DEAN CLARK	382 FINCHAMPSTEAD Road
[signature]	B.J. WATTS	386 FINCHAMPSTEAD ROAD.
A.D. Watts	A.D. WATTS	386. FINCHAMPSTEAD RD
R.C. Murfitt	R.C. MURFITT	372 FINCHAMPSTEAD ROAD,
S.L. Murfitt	S.L. MURFITT	372 FINCHAMPSTEAD RD
[signature]	HAZEL SCOTT	337 FINCHAMPSTEAD ROAD
A Kent	A Kent	365 Finchampstead
[signature]	A. J. FINCH	1A. BIRCH RD.
[signature]	S ROWSON	1 Birch Road
J.J.E. Cornell	JOHN CARWIGHT	3 BIRCH ROAD FINCHAMPSTEAD.
[signature]	TONY CLARK	5, BIRCH ROAD FINCHAMPSTEAD
[signature]	ROBERT ROWSON	8 BIRCH ROAD, FINCHAMPSTEAD.
Lorna Rowson	LORNA ROWSON	8 Birch Road Finchampstead.
M P Amor	M P AMOR	6. BIRCH RD.
J. Mollon	J. MOLLON	3, Windsor Ride Finchampstead.
MRS WHITE	B. White	
[signature]	S.C. NOCKLES	7 WINDSOR RIDE FINCHAMPSTEAD

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C Bird	C. BIRD	367a Finchampstead Rd.
N. Bird	NIGEL BIRD	367a " "
M Driver	M. DRIVER	361 Finchampstead Rd
C M Driver	C M DRIVER	361 Finchampstead Rd
G MacDonald	G MACDONALD	357 Finch. Rd.
D King	D. D KING	351 Finchampstead Rd Wokingham.
T R Jensen	T R JENSEN	347 Finchampstead Rd Wokingham.
N J Jensen	N.J. JENSEN	347 Finchampstead Rd Wokingham.
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We, the undersigned, sign this petition to show our strong opposition to the proposed erection of a 15 metre telecommunications mast and two equipment cabinets on the land fronting 390 Finchampstead Road.

Planning Application reference: TL/2001/5480

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Natalie Brown.
Planning Services
Shute End

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Dear Madam,

I strongly object to this proposal, not just for health hazards but mostly for traffic hazard.

There are many near misses at the round-a-bout on Finchampstead Rd/ Barkham Ride/ Windsor Ride, the sight of a nearly 50' mast will take attention from the road. Why cannot it be put in a field?

Yours faithfully.

Betty Watts (Mrs)

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Engineering Section
Wokingham District Council
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Wokingham
RG40 1WH

Ref: SRE/30647A
Date: 27th November 2001

Dear Sir,

Proposed Telecommunications Installation for BTCellnet Ltd at pavement opposite lamppost 051A, Finchampstead Road, Wick Hill, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG11 5PL.

As you will know, APT-Marconi on behalf of BTCellnet Ltd is proposing to submit an application to the Local Planning Authority for the above mentioned telecommunications development. In order to satisfy planning requirements, I am obliged to advise you of our intention to submit a formal application to the Council within the next few days. Accordingly, please find attached a Developer's Notice of Proposed Development.

If you have any queries concerning this matter, please do not hesitate in contacting the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Edwards
For and on Behalf of: BTCellnet Ltd
Direct Line: 01276 605811

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BUILDING CONTROL

04 JAN 2002

10 Windsor Ride
Finchampstead
Wokingham
RG40 3LG

Application No. TL/2001/5480

I should like to register my objections to the above proposal on the same grounds as my objection to the proposal a few yards up the road at junction of Windsor Ride + Finchampstead Rd.

Sheila + Andrew Slater

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36, Finchampstead Rd
Wokingham RG40 3SD
19 December 2001

Dear Ms. Brown

I wish to object most strongly to application TH/20011540 (Telecom. column fronting 390 Finchampstead Rd)

The erection of a mast in a low density housing area, which is semi-rural in character, would have a detrimental effect on the pleasant street scene which residents have sought to maintain over the years. The mast would be far too close to residential properties, & as a perceived health risk, would adversely affect residents' quality of life.

I would urge the District Council to reject this application.

Yours sincerely
Christine Dove

371 Finchampstead Road,
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Wokingham Dist. Council
Case Officer.

Dear Ms. Natalie Brown,

Re: Planning Application
No. TL/2001/5480.

I am opposed to the above planning application mainly because it would be an eyesore to residents surrounding the area - surely they could site the mast in a spot less conspicuous. The health aspect has yet to be proved or disproved also structures of this nature plus the noise of heavy traffic must deter people from coming to live in the area.

Yours sincerely.

June Sharpe.

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BTcellnet

Declaration of Conformity with ICNIRP Public Exposure Guidelines ("ICNIRP Declaration")

BT Cellnet
260 Bath Road
Slough
SL1 4DX

Certifies that the proposed equipment and installation as detailed in the attached planning / GPDO application at:

Cell 30647 Wick Hill – Street Furniture at Windsor Ride, Wick Hill, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40

is designed to be in full compliance with the requirements of the radio frequency (RF) public exposure guidelines of the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), as expressed in EU Council recommendation of 12 July 1999 * "on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz)".

* Reference: 1999/519/EC

Date: 20th November 2001

Signed: .....

Name: Abdul Ajaz

Position: Sites Acquisition Manager

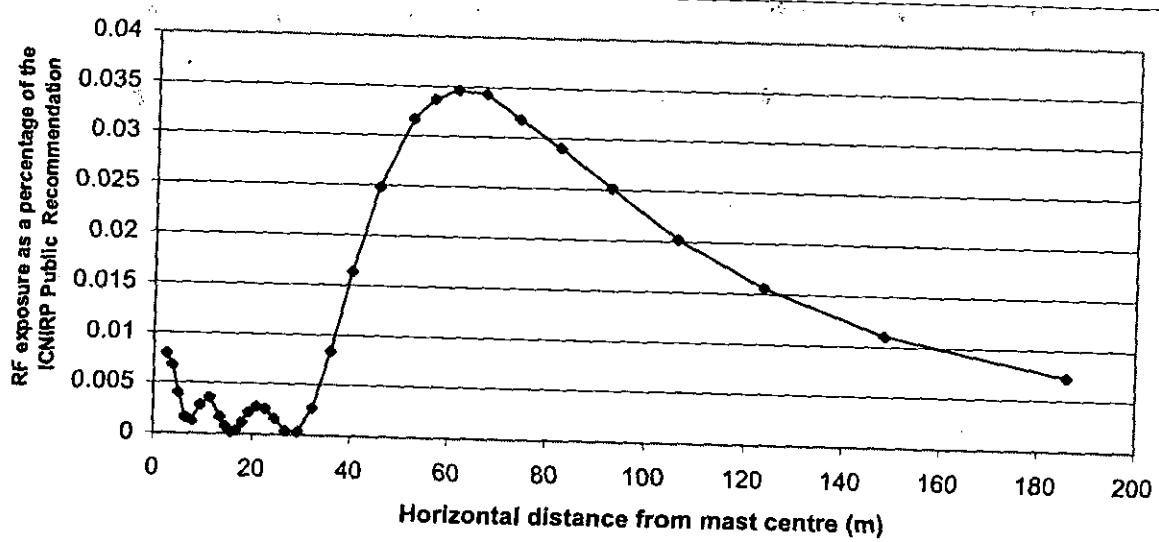
STREET FURNITURE MACROCELL ANTENNA FIELD STRENGTH PREDICTION

SITE: 30647 SF Windsor Ride

BTcellnet

Range from	2 m
to	200 m
900 MHz Band:	
Number of carriers	2
ERP per carrier	17 Watts relative to a dipole
1800 MHz Band:	
Number of carriers	0
ERP per carrier	100 Watts relative to a dipole
3rd Generation:	
Number of carriers	1
ERP per carrier	122 Watts relative to a dipole
Mechanical Downtilt	0 degrees
Antenna Height	15 m - measured local ground to antenna centre
Measurement height	0 m - above local ground
Building losses	0 dB

The graph below shows the RF exposure from a typical cellular radio transmit antenna , with site characteristics as given above, expressed as a percentage of the ICNIRP General Public RF exposure recommendation.



maximum =	2.77	milliwatts per sq m
at	61	metres from the mast
	0.004	% of NRPB safety levels
	0.035	% of ICNIRP safety level
equivalent to	1.0	Volts per metre

Warnings: None

Date: 21-Nov-01

BT Cellnet Radio Design

Version 1.0

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The Chief Planning Officer
Wokingham District Council
Council Offices
Shute End
Wokingham
RG11 1BN

My Ref: SRE/30647A
Date: 27 November 2001

Dear Sir /Madam,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) (AMENDMENT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2001 - PART 24
DEVELOPMENT BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CODE SYSTEM OPERATORS

ERECTION OF ONE 15M MONOPOLE MOBILE PHONE MAST, COMPLETE WITH ONE TRI-SECTOR ANTENNA, TWO EQUIPMENT CABINETS AND DEVELOPMENT ANCILLARY THERETO AT PAVEMENT OPPOSITE LAMPOST 051A, FINCHAMPSTEAD ROAD, WICK HILL, WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE, RG11 5PL.

BTCellnet Limited is licensed to provide a Cellular Radio Network within the United Kingdom. In order to facilitate this, the company has been conferred the status of Public Telecommunication Code System Operator to provide a public telecommunication system under Section 9 of the Telecommunications Act 1984.

We are writing, on behalf of BTCellnet LTD, to make application under condition A.3 (3) of the above Order for a determination as to whether the prior approval of the authority will be required to the siting and appearance of the development. We attach plan (Ref No:P/30647A(2)/GEN/050A & /051) and a site location plan showing the proposed installation, together with a cheque for £190.00 (One Hundred and Ninety Pounds) and supporting information.

Should you wish to discuss the proposals in greater detail, or require further technical information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Edwards
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My Ref: SRE/30647A
Date: 27 November 2001

Dear Sir /Madam,

LICENCE NOTIFICATION AS REQUIRED BY THE PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS CODE SYSTEMS OPERATORS LICENCE GRANTED PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1984

NOTICE OF PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED BY BT CELLNET LTD. FOR THE ERECTION OF ONE 15M MONOPOLE MOBILE PHONE MAST, COMPLETE WITH ONE TRI-SECTOR ANTENNA, TWO EQUIPMENT CABINETS AND DEVELOPMENT ANCILLARY THERETO AT PAVEMENT OPPOSITE LAMPOST 051A, FINCHAMPSTEAD ROAD, WICK HILL, WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE, RG11 5PL.

BTCellnet Limited is licensed to provide a Cellular Radio Network within the United Kingdom. In order to facilitate this, the company has been conferred the status of Public Telecommunication Code System Operator to provide a public telecommunication system under Section 9 of the Telecommunications Act 1984.

As a condition of its operating licence, BTCellnet LTD is obliged to give you 56 days notice of its intention to carry out the development specified above and as shown on the attached plan numbered P/30647A(2)/GEN/050 & /051.

The proposed works constitute permitted development under Part 24 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2001.

I trust that this clarifies the situation.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Edwards
For and on behalf of: BTCellnet Limited
Direct Line: 01276 605811

Appeal Decision

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Site visit made on 17 September 2001

by Bridget M Campbell BA(Hons) MRTPI

an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions

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Date 18 OCT 2001

Appeal Ref: APP/Y1945/A/01/1067840
Junction of Derby Road and Gladstone Road, Watford

- The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant approval required by a development order.
- The appeal is made by BT Cellnet Limited against the decision of Watford Borough Council.
- The application (Ref.00/00829/GPDO), dated 19 December 2000, was refused by notice dated 30 January 2001.
- The development proposed is one 10 metre telecommunications column incorporating 3 tri-sector antennas, one radio equipment cabinet (1.36m x 3.5m x 1.38m high) and development ancillary thereto.

Summary of Decision: The appeal is allowed and approval given as set out in the Formal Decision below.

Main Issues

1. I consider that there are 2 main issues in this appeal. The first is the effect of the development on the character and appearance of the area. The second is whether public concern about health risks arising from the installation of the telecommunications equipment is a justifiable reason to dismiss the appeal.

Planning Policy

2. The Development Plan for the area comprises the Hertfordshire County Structure Plan Review 1991-2011 and the Watford District Local Plan 1993. Policy SE16 of the Local Plan contains a number of criteria against which all development will be assessed to achieve a high standard of design and layout sympathetic to the character of the area. Policy SE17 says that telecommunications development will be considered against any specific demands of the apparatus or operator on the location, design and siting, and whether existing facilities can be shared or other more satisfactory alternative locations can be used.

3. There is also a 2nd Deposit Draft of the Watford District Plan 2000. In this Plan policy SE16 is to be replaced with policy U1b which again contains criteria to ensure that development is based on an understanding of the local characteristics of the area. Draft telecommunications policy U24a supports, in principle, the growth of new and existing systems and provides guidance for the submission of applications. Draft policy U24b is concerned with siting considerations for telecommunications equipment. It cites instances where development would be resisted and encourages unobtrusive design and siting; the sharing of existing sites; and the use of existing structures. The Council has also referred to its supplementary planning guidance, SPG23: *Telecommunications*, which will supplement the policies of the District Plan.

4 The draft District Plan does not carry the same weight as the Development Plan. This is especially so in relation to this appeal as I understand that telecommunications policy U24b is the subject of outstanding objections. Moreover, the Government issued a new Planning Policy Guidance Note 8 *Telecommunications* (PPG8) in August 2001, the content of which will need to be taken into account in the formulation of the Council's policies and supplementary planning guidance, as it contains the most up to date policy guidance.

Reasons

The First Main Issue – Character and Appearance

5. Gladstone Road and Derby Road are primarily residential streets, which lie just inside the Watford Town Centre Ring Road. The southern end of Gladstone Road joins Derby Road just north of Beechen Grove which forms part of the Ring Road. A landscaped strip runs between Beechen Grove and Derby Road and helps to provide physical and visual separation between the Ring Road and the residential area. The proposed mast and small equipment cabinet would be located on the bank edge of the footpath along Beechen Grove.

6. Looking first at the effect of the development on the Beechen Grove street scene, this road comprises a dual carriageway that carries large amounts of cars and commercial traffic. On its south western side are a number of large non-residential buildings including the substantial Harlequin Centre. In the context of this busy street scene, where the primary function is the movement of quantities of traffic, my opinion is that the mast and cabinet would not be particularly noticeable. The small equipment box, only some 1.4m high, would be typical of the sort of cabinet that one might expect to find along the road and it would have a backdrop of vegetation. The mast would be similar in appearance to the existing street lighting columns and even though it would be some 2m higher, I believe that it would not be especially prominent as it would stand apart from the existing columns thus avoiding a clutter of street furniture.

7. Looking along Gladstone Road in a southerly direction and along Derby Road in an easterly direction, the landscaped strip would largely screen the cabinet, but the mast would be seen rising above the vegetation. However, as the mast would be located on the far side of the landscaped strip, I consider that it would not appear to form an integral part of the residential area. Rather, it would appear as an external feature that could be seen from the residential streets, in a similar manner to existing street lighting along Beechen Grove and to the Harlequin Centre opposite. In these circumstances, and having regard to the particularly slender nature of the column and antennas, I believe that the apparatus would not unduly intrude upon the residential street scene.

8. I have noted that the development would be some 25m from the nearest residential property and about 100m from a primary school. Nevertheless, the mast would not be directly in front of the school or in front of the principal windows of any dwelling and thus it would not be constantly in view from these properties. In my opinion, the mast would not be so conspicuous that it would cause any appreciable harm to the local residential environment or to the character and appearance of the area generally. It would not, therefore, conflict with the aims of the Central Watford Green Zone designation to improve the quality of life by creating a street environment dominated by people as opposed to cars and to provide a residential area which is a safer, cleaner and more attractive place to live. Indeed, it might be argued that the development would contribute to these aims as it is intended to provide a service for occupiers of Derby Road and Gladstone Road.

9 The Appellant says that the proposed development is required because the existing base station for the area is reaching full capacity at peak times. The new telecommunications mast is intended to provide increased call capacity and improved radio coverage, including in-building coverage, along Derby Road and Gladstone Road. The Appellant has explained that evidence of call capacity constraints is experienced in the phenomenon of call blocking which does not lend itself to graphic analysis, and that the actual statistics are commercially sensitive.

10. With the advent of the new PPG8, operators may in future be expected to provide evidence regarding the need for proposed development. In this case, the Appellant has explained why the development is required and I consider that there is some merit in the Appellant's argument that capital investment would not be committed unless there is a need for the development. In addition, PPG8 says that authorities should not question the need for the telecommunications system which the proposed development is to support.

11. With regard to alternative sites, the Appellant says that there are no existing masts to share or suitable tall buildings to utilise. The only alternative suggested, the Harlequin Centre, has been discounted because of constructional difficulties and due to an unwilling landlord. The Council has not suggested any other alternative to the appeal site. The development is intended to provide coverage for a specific area of the community, namely along Derby Road and Gladstone Road, and I understand that the equipment would have a limited range of 200-300m. The area of search for a suitable location is, therefore, tightly constrained. Having walked around the area, I find it difficult to envisage that an alternative site could be found that would present less of an intrusion on the residential area than the appeal site, whilst still satisfying the technical requirements of the operator.

12. Drawing together my findings on the first main issue, I conclude that the Appellant has sought an unobtrusive siting and design for the development so that there would be no material harm to the character or appearance of the area. In this respect I find no conflict with the policies of the Development Plan or with up to date government policy in PPG8.

The Second Main Issue – Health Concerns

13. Growing public concern about the possible health effects associated with telecommunications base stations resulted in the Government asking the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) to set up an Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones, chaired by Sir William Stewart.

14. The Group's report (the Stewart Report) explains that base stations emit radiofrequency radiation and that national guidelines were published in 1993 by the NRPB to control maximum levels of exposure. Further guidelines were published in 1998 by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) which set more stringent exposure levels for members of the public. These were incorporated into a European Council Recommendation on 12 July 1999.

15. The Stewart Report concludes that the balance of evidence indicates that there is no general risk to the health of people near to base stations as exposure levels are expected to be a small fraction of the guidelines. However, it also referred to the possibility of indirect adverse effects in some cases. As a result, it recommended that a "precautionary approach to the use of mobile phone technologies be adopted until much more detailed and scientifically robust information on any health effects becomes available" (*paragraph 1.20*

of Summary and Recommendations refers). The Government has accepted this approach which is limited to the specific recommendations in the report, including the need to meet the stringent ICNIRP guidelines for public exposure to electromagnetic fields.

16. In the light of these recent developments, the new PPG8 has been issued which expresses the Government's firm view that the planning system is not the place for determining health safeguards. It remains central Government's responsibility to decide what measures are necessary to protect public health. If a proposal meets the ICNIRP guidelines for public exposure it should not be necessary for a planning authority to consider the health aspects and concerns about them further.

17. The Government's acceptance of the precautionary approach recommended by the Stewart Report is limited to the recommendations in the report and to the Government's response to them. The report does not provide any basis for precautionary actions beyond those already proposed and the Government considers that local authorities should not implement their own precautionary policies, e.g. by insisting on a minimum distance between new telecommunications development and existing development.

18. In this case, the Appellant has provided documentation to show that at the point of maximum exposure, some 48m from the appeal site, exposure levels would be only 0.00012% of ICNIRP safety levels. The school is located well beyond this distance and the beam of greatest intensity would not fall upon it. In addition, I understand that the antennas would not operate continuously but would only transmit when a signal was received. The Council's preference in the emerging District Plan and in SPG23 for sites more than 200m from residential properties and schools is not supported by PPG8.

19. There is no evidence before me to indicate that the proposal would conflict with the aim of safeguarding people from any harmful effects of the appeal development. I am well aware of the strength of local concern about health expressed in the letters of representation and I fully accept that such concerns are a material consideration in the determination of this appeal. However, these concerns do not provide a sufficiently strong basis to outweigh recent technical advice and current national policy set out above. I therefore conclude that public concern about the health risks arising from the installation of the equipment is not a justifiable reason for dismissing this appeal.

20. In reaching this conclusion, I have had regard to the 2 appeal decisions referred to by the Council. However, neither seems to me to be directly comparable to the appeal proposal which I have assessed on its own merits; one is the subject of a High Court challenge; and, importantly, both were issued before the publication of the new PPG8 which sets out current Government policy.

Conditions

21. I have considered the condition suggested by the Council in the event that the appeal is allowed, and believe that it is necessary to require the mast to be painted to match existing street lighting columns to ensure minimal visual intrusion.

Conclusions

22. For the reasons given above and having regard to all other matters raised, I conclude that the appeal should be allowed.

Formal Decision

23. In exercise of the powers transferred to me, I allow the appeal and grant approval for the siting and appearance of the development proposed in application Ref.00/00829/GPDO dated 19 December 2000, and the plans submitted therewith, under the provisions of Part 24 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended). The development proposed is one 10 metre telecommunications column incorporating 3 tri-sector antennas, one radio equipment cabinet (1.36m x 3.5m x 1.38m high) and development ancillary thereto on land at the junction of Derby Road and Gladstone Road, Watford. The approval is subject to the following condition:

    1) The 10m telecommunications column hereby permitted shall not be finished in any colour other than Lakeland Green (BS4800 12 B 17).

Information

24. A separate note is attached setting out the circumstances in which the validity of this decision may be challenged by making an application to the High Court within 6 weeks from the date of this decision.

25. This decision only grants approval under Part 24 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended). It does not give any other consent or approval that might be required.

INSPECTOR

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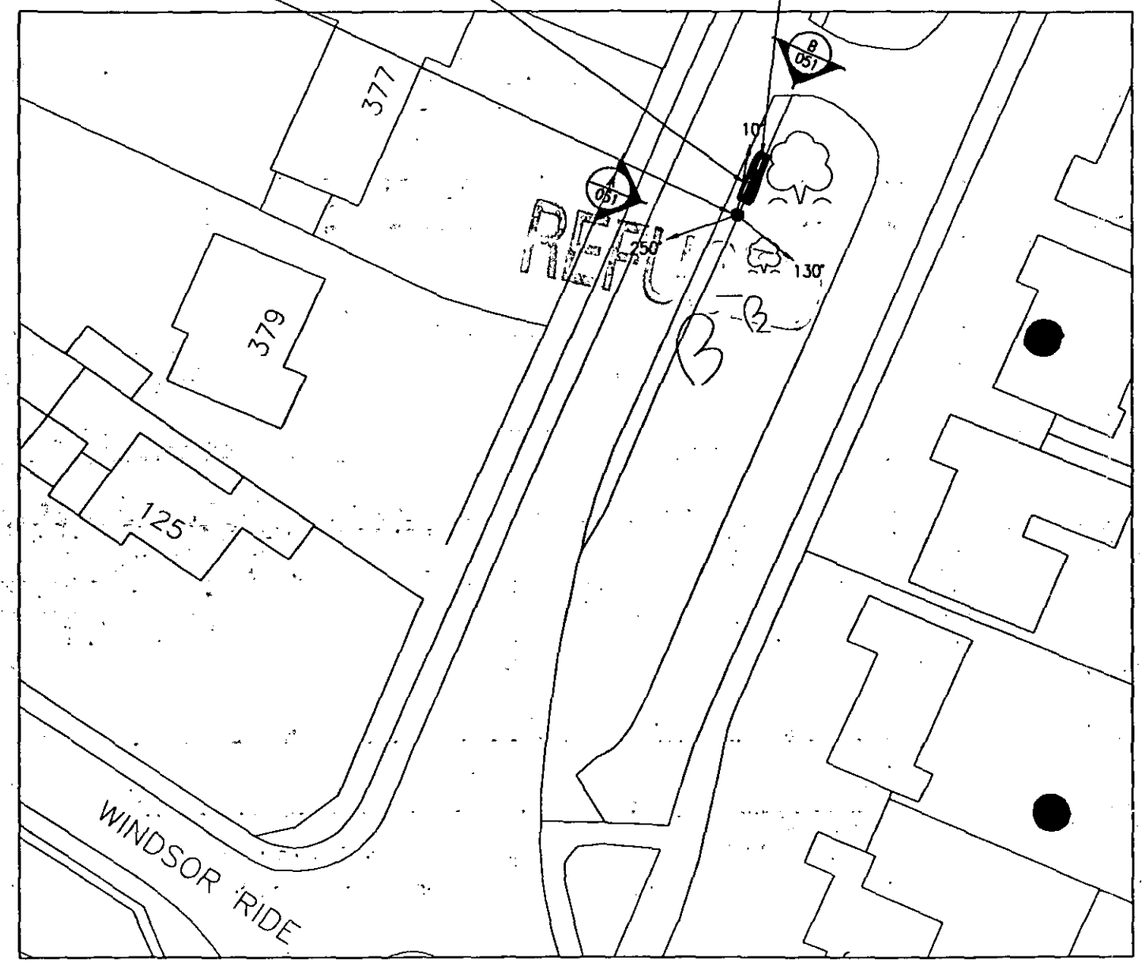
Proposed 15m column
colour BS4800 1 C 39

Proposed equipment cabinet
Colour Green
Dimensions 1360L x 1380H x 350W

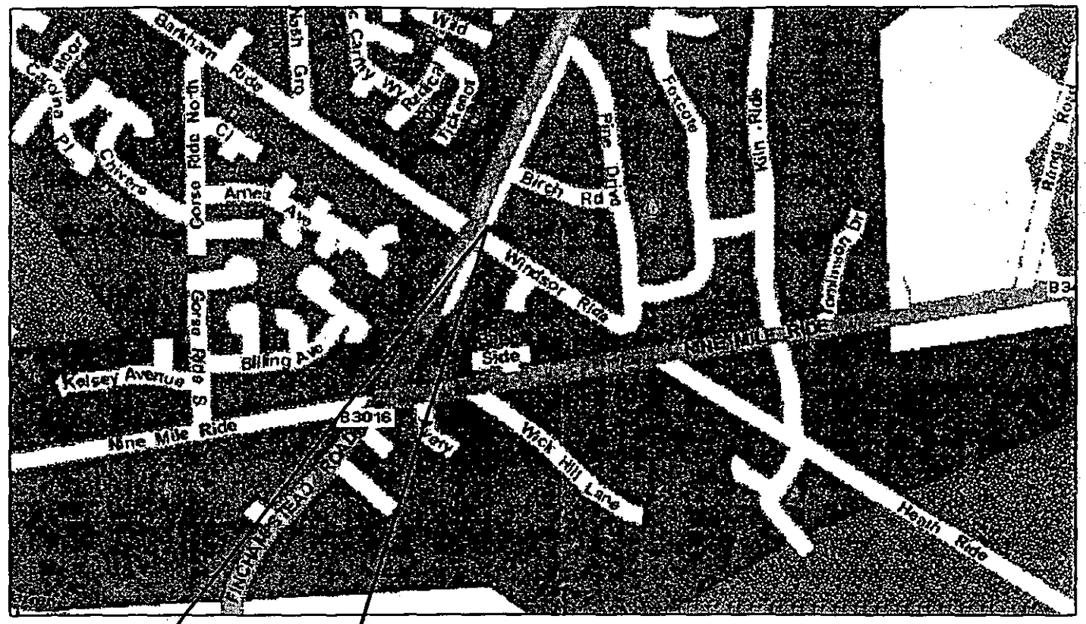
Proposed equipment cabinet
Colour Green
Dimensions 1450L x 1500H x 350W



SITE LOCATION MAP

SU 79876 65196

Scale 1 : 500



STREET MAP DIRECTIONS

Direction Details	Exit M4 at Jnc. 10 and head Sout East on A329. Turn Right at Jnc. to Wokingham, South on A321. Turn onto B3061. The proposed site is located on L.H.S. just after Birch Rd and before the R/About.

BTcellnet

SITE LOCATION MAPS

WICK HILL SF – CELL 30647A(2) WINDSOR RIDE
Windsor Ride, Wick Hill, Wokingham, Berks, RG11 6PL

Eastern Contracting Ltd
Eastlea Road
Moreton Hall Ind. Estate
Bury St. Edmunds
Suffolk. IP32 7BY.

STATUS PLANNING | DATE 11/01 | APPR

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DO NOT SCALE

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56 DAY PRIOR APPROVAL NOTIFICATION AND SUPPORTING STATEMENT

RE: Pavement Opposite Lamppost 051A, Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead.
OUR REF: 30647A
(Please quote above reference number in all communications)

03 December 2001

BTCellnet Limited
Brunel Way
Slough
Berkshire
SL1 1XL

APT-Marconi
Registration No. 03049168
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APT Marconi
03 December 2001

Statement in Support of the Planning Application

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- (Scale 1:500 and Grid Ref: SU 79876/65196)
- Layout Plan (Dwg No. P/30647A(2)/GEN/050)
- Elevation drawing (Dwg No. P/30647A(2)/GEN/051)

Appendix

- Cell Search Area
- Radio plots as existing
- Radio plots for proposed site incorporated into existing network
- Compliance with ICNIRP (1998) Public Exposure Guidelines
- Licence Notification letter
- FEI 10 Commitments Supporting Statement Document
- Developer's Notice

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03 December 2001

Statement in Support of the Planning Application

Proposed Development

The Site

The application site is located to the north of the village of Finchampstead, a small settlement to the south of the district. Access is currently gained via Finchampstead Road (B3016) (Drawing No. P/30647A(2)/GEN/050).

The site relates to an area of adopted highway on the east side of Finchampstead Road (B3016), situated 70 metres north of the junction with Nine Mile Ride (B3430). The land is within the control of the Wokingham District Council Highways Department.

The application site covers the land required for the proposed telecommunications development and its associated infrastructure including equipment housing.

Please find enclosed a search and coverage area map for the designated site. The search area is the region within which my client would seek to locate a radio base station, and the coverage area is the region that requires radio signal coverage. In this instance the search and coverage areas cover the same region.

The Proposal

In the design of telecommunications installations regard is had to technical, engineering, environmental and land-use planning considerations

The principal components of the proposed development, and general layout of the proposed telecommunication infrastructure is illustrated on the attached site location map (Grid Ref. TQ 05538 / 72384) and layout plan / elevations (Drawing No.P/30647A(2)/GEN/050 & P/30647A(2)/GEN/051).

The proposed development consists of a 15m slim line monopole complete with one tri-sector antenna. Two small associated equipment cabinets, measuring 1360 x 1380 x 350mm and 1450 x 1500 x 350mm are to be sited adjacent to the installation to the north. These are necessary to accommodate the separate 2G(GSM) and 3G (UMTS) radio equipment.

The use of the monopole has been proposed in order to minimise the visual impact of the development. Existing street lamps will help to integrate the proposal within the surrounding area. The street lamps are of a similar height to the proposed monopole and therefore provide further structures to assist the integration of the proposal into the locality.

The use of a slim-line monopole and the siting of the equipment cabinets has also been designed to minimise the visual impact of the development within the existing streetscape. Trees situated adjacent to the pavement on the east side of Finchampstead Road will provide screening to the column when viewed from the residential properties located to the east of the site.

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03 December 2001

There is also hedging that will provide screening for the proposed radio equipment cabinets. The mast and equipment cabinets can be coloured to any BS Standard, if required. At present the proposed colour is, BS 4800 12 C 39 (ivy green).

Pre Application Consultation

In line with PPG8 (2001), the Telecommunications Code of Best Practice and the Ten Commitments of the UK mobile phone operators (supported by the Federation of Electronics Industries), pre-application consultation was undertaken with the Local Planning Authority to help identify the scope of the planning application and the issues to be addressed within this supporting ,statement.

In an e-mail from the Authority dated 13th November 2001 to A.P.T. Marconi, Elaine Vashi of Wokingham District Council stated that the authority had adopted a policy whereby telecommunications installations must be sited at least 60 metres from dwellings or any space which is regularly occupied e.g. schools and offices.

The Local planning authority has previously requested that the development should be located significantly further away from any residential property.

These issues are addressed later in this supporting statement.

Planning Policy

National Guidance

Planning guidance on telecommunications in England is currently contained in the following two documents. These are:

- Planning Policy Guidance Note 8 (PPG 8) 'Telecommunications' (August 2001);
- The Code of Best Practice on Telecommunications Prior Approval Procedures

The Government's general policy on telecommunications is to facilitate the growth of new and existing systems, whilst at the same time protecting the environment. It also attaches importance to the concept of mast and site sharing. For example, PPG 8 General Policies paragraph / bullet point 19 states:

"***In order to limit visual intrusion, the Government attaches considerable importance to keeping the numbers of radio and telecommunications masts, and of the sites for such installations, to the minimum consistent with the efficient operation of the network.***"

It is inevitable however that sites for new masts will be required in certain circumstances. PPG 8 paragraph 24 states:

" In seeking to arrive at the best solution for an individual site, authorities and operators should use sympathetic design and camouflage to minimise the impact of development on the environment."

The proposed monopole has been adopted for use due to its sympathetic design and this is therefore consistent with Government advice.

Consideration of Alternatives

Methodology

In assessing potential locations the following considerations have been taken into account.

1 Planning – Every effort is made to ensure that the most suitable site is identified in terms of its planning characteristics. In identifying potential sites consideration is given to the location of sensitive receptors, adjoining land use designations and the availability of effective screening measures. These considerations are however balanced by the technical requirements and the land availability issues identified below.

2. The radio implication of the site – The transfer of radio signals and data along the telecommunication networks can be provided through two alternatives; microwave antenna and fibre-optic links. With microwave antenna a 'line of sight' has to be established and protected between associated infrastructures, if this is disrupted so is the network service. To achieve an uninterrupted line of sight the installation must reach a sufficient height above surrounding buildings and trees. The installation must also be in a position to provide good in-building radio coverage to the target area.

3. Land availability – The site is dependent upon landowners' willingness to see their property used for this purpose.

APT Marconi has undertaken an assessment of potential sites within the search area. This assessment was undertaken through analysis of Ordnance Survey maps of the local area, a site visit and following discussions with the local planning authority and local landowners.

Site Specific Alternatives Considered

A) Wild Acres Nursing Home – This site was surveyed as a possible. However, the site provider was not interested in having the proposed radio equipment on their land. This option was therefore discounted from the survey.

B) Ridge Farm – An existing 22-metre Orange PCS mast was surveyed with the view to my client site sharing the existing mast. The location of the mast was considered by the apellant's Radio Planner to be too distant from the intended target area to provide adequate radio coverage. It is also located too close to existing cells located to the south. Locations for

a new mast to the north of the farm were assessed although the landowner was not willing to allow a further installation on the land.

C) Wren Crest Farm – This site is under the same ownership as Ridge Farm. Again, the site provider was not willing to allow a further installation on the land.

D) Finchampstead Surgery - This site was surveyed as a possible. However, the site provider was not interested in having the proposed radio equipment on their land. This option was therefore discounted from the survey.

E) A site close to the junction of Finchampstead Road and Windsor Ride was identified for a slim 'Street Lamppost' type column. However the prior appproval of the Local Authority was refused for the following reason;

'The proposal is unacceptable in view of its proximity to residential properties and its impact upon the character of the area.'

The site subject of this application met the required criteria for this cell. In erecting a 15-metre slim-line monopole mast on a pavement site the proposal minimises any detrimental visual impact on the surrounding streetscape. Access to the site is good and the approval of the relevant Highway Authority as 'Landowner' can be secured.

Whilst the proposed site is located within 60metres of dwellings, the development would not have an adverse impact upon residential amenities.

The advice given within PPG8- 'Telecommunications' is very relevant to the consideration of the current application. That is that' In the Government's view, local planning authorities should not implement their own precautionary policies, e.g., by way of imposing a ban or moratorium on new telecommunications development or on insisting on minimum distances between new telecommunications development and existing development.' (Appendix, Paragraph 101)

Assessment of Need

Methodology

A need has been identified for the proposed development on the basis of an assessment of the existing network. This assessment identified a requirement to upgrade and expand the network to be able to handle the demand for calls as well as to facilitate the introduction of the various forms of high-speed data transmission. The introduction of these new technologies require additional infrastructure to be established.

This assessment of need has involved analysis of the following criteria:

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1. Coverage – Under the terms of its license, granted by the Government, there is a legal obligation for operators to expand their networks to accommodate customer requirements of service and quality (see PPG8, Appendix – Supporting Guidance paragraphs 20 and 27). There is also requirement to ensure that all reasonable demands for service are capable of being met (see Code of Best Practice, part 1.2 paragraph 3). These demands by residential and commercial customers extend to the requirement for network coverage to be available at home, in the workplace, while shopping, enjoying leisure activities and while on the move.

2. Quality – In order to ensure coverage within buildings such as homes, shops, offices etc. the radio signal has to be of sufficient strength to penetrate walls. Radio base stations are low-powered devices (between 2 and 70 watts) communicating with low-powered handsets (2 watts maximum) and can only cover limited geographical areas; up to a theoretical maximum of 32 kilometres in flat, sparsely-populated areas and as a little as a few hundred metres in busy, urban centres.

3. Capacity – The coverage of networks are provided through a series of radio base stations each with a certain cell coverage area. The size of each cell is determined by a number of factors, in particular this is related to the demand from subscribers. As the use of and demand for mobile phones has increased the number of sites required to provide sufficient network capacity has increased. Each cell or base station can only handle a finite number of calls therefore in areas of high use additional cells are required to meet demands on the network. Capacity can be expanded either by introducing new sites or by splitting existing cells.

With the majority of the operator's network being operational and fixed the potential locations for new sites are limited. There is a need to provide an efficient distribution of sites to avoid the signals between sites, using the same frequency, causing interference with one another. The operators' radio engineers produce plans that indicate the optimum site location (the cell centre) and its coverage area. Only a small degree of tolerance is acceptable to provide the coverage required to avoid interference with adjoining cells. The radio parameters for any site can also be influenced by local topographical factors and clutter caused by trees or tall buildings.

Site Specific Assessment of Need

The attached radio coverage plots demonstrate the need for a base station at the above site. This plot is a computerised radio coverage prediction chart. The plots are very precise and their accuracy is constantly confirmed by the use of mobile towers and drive around radio surveys.

The coloured plots represent the strength of radio signals as they leave the antennas, and indicate a deficiency within the application area. These areas of deficiency are known as "holes" and where there are holes in the coverage provided users to the system will experience a number of deficiencies. These include:

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- in-building radio coverage will not be obtained;
- when a customer attempts to join the network they will be unable to obtain a link to a base station. This is an important factor should a vehicle break down in the area, especially with regard to females travelling alone;
- a customer passing through the area using a mobile telephone will be cut off, which is known as "drop out";
- a telephone user trying to contact a customer in the area will be unable to get through;
- emergency services will not be contactable. Increasingly mobile telephones are being used for 999 calls.

It is for these reasons that it is important to achieve a comprehensive service of quality for mobile users. The main complaints received by mobile telephone operators about their service relate to the problems associated with dropped calls and no service.

The benefits of providing a modern telecommunications system and the need for providing sufficient levels of coverage, quality and capacity are recognised by the Government. In its statement on mobile phone masts on 16 March 2001 the Government states:

"***Parents and children feel more secure because of them. Mobile phones have saved lives – they allow emergency services to be called immediately when they are needed. None of this could happen without the masts and other infrastructure which enable the service to be delivered.***"

The attached plots indicate the radio coverage in the application cell area as existing and as anticipated subject to approval of this proposal. For the operator's requirements to be fulfilled, the area surrounding the proposed site needs to have a signal of at least –68dBm. i.e.blue. The existing plot clearly shows that the area at present is deficient in radio coverage and is therefore unsatisfactory for customers.

The plot based upon the proposed site's integration within the radio network indicates that coverage requirements are shown to be met with the majority of the application cell area showing signal strength above –68dBM.

Health and Safety

In response to the growing concern related to the health implications of exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMFs) the Government asked its statutory advisors on radiological protection (the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB)) to establish an Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones (IEGMP). This Group considered the concerns about the health effects from the use of mobile phones, base stations and transmitters. The expert groups' report (also known as the Stewart Report) was published in May 2000. It concluded that:

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"the balance of evidence indicates that there is no general risk to the health of people living near to base stations on the basis that exposures are expected to be small fractions of the guidelines"

It is the Government's view that if a proposed development meets the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP:1998) public exposure guidelines, as recommended on a precautionary basis in the Stewart Report, it should not be necessary for a planning authority, in processing an application, to consider health effects further. This message was re-stated by Nick Raynsford to all English MPs and local authorities in a letter, dated 29 June 2000. It has since been further re-emphasised in PPG 8 (2001) paragraph 98, which states:

"...In the Government's view, if a proposed mobile phone base station meets the ICNIRP guidelines for public exposure it should not be necessary for a local planning authority, in processing an application for planning permission or prior approval, to consider further the health aspects and concerns about them."

The EU Recommendation is based on ICNIRP (1998) guidelines for limiting general public exposure to electromagnetic fields (radio waves). ICNIRP (1998) guidelines apply a 50-fold safety margin for continuous exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields, providing a conservative public exposure guideline set at 2% of the level where replicated biological effects have actually been observed.

The UK mobile phone operators will, as a minimum, build base station sites to comply with the ICNIRP general public exposure guidelines in areas where the public spend a significant amount of time. These areas are those locations where antennas are accessible to the public without the use of climbing aids such as ladders, crossing barriers or other access controls.

Nature of Radio Waves

As one moves away from the antenna, the strength of the radio wave falls off very rapidly. As the strength of the radio wave decreases, so does the exposure level. It is important to note that masts or other support structures do not emit radio waves.

Accordingly, there are points in space, around the antennas, where the maximum level just meets the ICNIRP general public exposure guidelines. These points define a volume within which there is the potential to exceed the ICNIRP general public exposure guidelines. This volume is referred to as the "***EU Zone***" or "***ICNIRP Public Zone***" and public access is physically restricted to these areas. For large base stations this area or exclusion zone is around 3 metres from the antennae, for smaller installations, as little as 3.5 centimetres. However access to the areas where ICNIRP public exposure guidelines may be exceeded will be restricted and warning signs will be displayed.

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Compliance Overview

When compared to the ICNIRP guidelines, the typical power densities from a base station encountered at ground level are never likely to exceed a value which is a hundred times lower than the recommended maximum. In reality, this condition rarely exists and therefore, the actual antenna loading of the installation will be less than that calculated from the theoretical maximum antenna loading.

This supporting statement includes a signed Certificate of Conformity issued by BT Cellnet, which confirms that the proposed development is within the established international guidelines. Calculations undertaken by the operator indicate that emissions associated with the proposed development will be a maximum of **0.035%** of the level recommended by ICNIRP in areas accessible by the general public.

In light of this information, it is not considered that local resident's perception of health risks arising from the installation of the telecommunications apparatus is sufficient reason for withholding prior approval in this case. In this regard I would refer you to the attached appeal decision relating to a similar proposal at the junction of Derby Road and Gladstone Road, Watford.

Conclusions

There is a requirement by the operator to increase telecommunication network coverage, quality and capacity in this locality. Network planners have identified a need for a further installation, which is demonstrated in the radio coverage plots included. The proposed development will address this identified need and improve the operators network in line with their licence requirements and customer demands.

The telecommunications infrastructure proposed as part of this application has been designed and sited, having regard to technical, engineering and land use planning considerations, in order to minimise its impact on the local environment. Accordingly, the proposed development is considered to conform with national and local planning policies and guidance.

The enclosed information from BT Cellnet Ltd confirms that the proposed development will conform to both NRPB and ICNIRP (1998) guidelines in areas that are accessible to the public.

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03 December 2001

Copy for Mike Thorpe -

Tel / Fax 0118 973 2467

Foxfield
Wick Hill Lane
Finchampstead
Wokingham
Berks RG40 3PY

17th July 2001

John Mitchell
Development Control Manager

Application TL/2001/4365 BT Cellnet - erection of
Telecommunication column = 2 cabinets

Dear John,

I would like to inform you that I have already received a number of calls about this application.

The residents of both sides of Windsor Ride (South and North Wards) are very concerned and are getting together a petition objecting to this application.
The residents of Finchampstead Rd., who are affected, are doing the same.

I am also totally opposed to this application which brings the mast considerably closer to properties than our guidelines allow.

I ask the Officers to follow the intentions of the Councillors, when last discussed, not to allow such masts if they do not comply with the distances decided on and object to the application.

I have talked to Mike Thorpe and I have no doubt that he will inform you of the content of our conversation.

Having objected informally, so far, to the application I wish to make a formal objection to this application that I believe will distress the local residents because they perceive a real danger from these masts and that no one, at the moment, is able to assure the public that these masts do not cause a health hazard.

Yours sincerely,

M LONG

Received by Wokingham District Council

Application No: TL/2001/5480

Proposal:
Proposed erection of one 15 metre high monopole phone mast with one tri-sector antenna, two equipment cabinets and ancillary development.

Location:
Land Fronting 390, Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead, 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 and 1.00pm - 4.00pm Sunday. Library closed all day Wednesday. If you intend to view this application at Woodley Library please allow 4 days from the date of this letter for delivery of plans and remember to quote application number TL/2001/5480 to enable the library staff to locate the correct information.

Comments should be sent in writing QUOTING THE APPLICATION NUMBER to the Case Officer Natalie Brown P.O. Box 157 Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham Berkshire, RG40 1WR to arrive on or before 04/01/2002. 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 be possible for an individual reply to be issued 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

12 December 2001

Tel: (0118) 974 6492 (Direct Line)
E-Mail: Natalie.Brown@wokingham.gov.uk
Date: 15 January 2002
My ref: NB/MLT/TL/2001/5480

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Dear Mr Edwards,

PROPOSED ERECTION OF ONE 15 METRE HIGH MONOPOLE PHONE MAST WITH ONE TRI-SECTOR ANTENNA, TWO EQUIPMENT CABINETS AND ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT AT LAND FRONTING 390 FINCHAMPSTREAD ROAD, FINCHAMPSTEAD

TELECOMMICATIONS NOTIFICATION: TL/2001/5480

I refer to your notification for a 15m telecommunications mast with ancillary apparatus, transmission dishes and equipment cabinet, on the land fronting 390 Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead.

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 residential properties, and its impact upon the character of the area.

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

EXP: 22/1/02

Yours sincerely

MLT

M L THORP
Principal Development Control Officer

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Fax Cover Sheet

DATE: 15/1/02

TO: Simon Edwards

FROM: Natalie Brown **Planning Services.**

NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING THIS HEADER SHEET: 2

RECIPIENT FAX NUMBER: 01276 683781

OUR FAX NUMBER: (0118) 974 6484

SUBJECT: Telecommunication Mast - Land fronting 390 Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead.

NOTES: (Copy of letter also sent in post).

* * * COMMUNICATION RESULT REPORT (15.JAN.2002 17:28) * * *

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The Chief Planning Officer
Wokingham District Council
Council Offices
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Wokingham
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My Ref: SRE/30647A
Date: 16 January 2002

F.A.O – Natalie Brown

Dear Sir /Madam,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) (AMENDMENT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2001 - PART 24
DEVELOPMENT BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CODE SYSTEM OPERATORS

ERECTION OF ONE 15M MONOPOLE MOBILE PHONE MAST, COMPLETE WITH ONE TRI-SECTOR ANTENNA, TWO EQUIPMENT CABINETS AND DEVELOPMENT ANCILLARY THERETO AT PAVEMENT OPPOSITE LAMPOST 051A, FINCHAMPSTEAD ROAD, WICK HILL, WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE, RG11 5PL.

I write with reference to the above application for Permitted Development and your fax dated 15th January 2002.

My client needs to provide radio coverage to the area of Wick Hill.

A thorough survey of the search area produced a number of possible sites. However, the proposed site was nominated as being the only option that met the required criteria for this cell. If the LPA is able to suggest an alternative site within the specified search area, my client would be more than willing to explore the possibility of re-siting the proposed radio equipment.

Yours faithfully,

See comments on attached fax (copy of this)

Simon Edwards
For and on Behalf of: BTCellnet Limited
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FAX *message*

To: Natalie Brown, Planning Department, Wokingham D.C

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Re: Telecoms Application @ Land Fronting 390 Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead (your ref. NB/MLT/TL/2001/5480)

Date: 16th January 2002

Number of pages including this: 2

☐ Urgent ☐ For your review ☐ Please reply ASAP ☑ Please Comment

Pleas find attached a letter regarding the above telecoms application.

Regards,

Simon Edwards, A.P.T

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H/L
Spoke to MLT — agent phoned him this am & arranged mtg
→ I'm to carry on with refusal

WORK SHEET FOR : Natalie Brown

Application Number : TL/2001/5480

Applicant : B T Cellnet Ltd C/O A P T.

Location : Land Fronting 390, Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead, Wokingham.

Proposal : Proposed erection of one 15 metre high monopole phone mast with one tri-sector antenna, two equipment cabinets and ancillary development.

Site Notice Displayed ? :

YES	NO	DATE
✓		17/12

Date of Neighbour Notifications : .....

Date of Site Visit : .....17.12.....

Date Registered : 04/12/2001

Earliest Date for Decision : 04/01/2002

Latest Consultation Date/Site Notice Expiry Date : 04/01/2002

This application will have expired on: 29/01/2002. 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 :

Env Health : no objections.

Highways : no objection

Letters of Rep : objection ; visual amenity / character
proximity to res / potential health risk

Planning Issues : support = 1

Application Number: TL/2001/5480

Appraisal :

See attached sheet

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

Application Number TL/2001/5480
Conditions/Reasons for Refusal

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

RECORD OF SITE VISIT

SITE ADDRESS: Land Fronting 390 Finchampstead Road Finchampstead Wokingham.

APPLICATION NUMBER: TL/2001/5480

OFFICER: Natalie Brown

DATE OF SITE VISIT: 17/12

1 SITE/STATUTORY NOTICE DISPLAYED ? by case officer on tree on land fronting 390

2. DESCRIPTION OF SURROUNDINGS

Res.
front open route
settlement.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SITE/BUILDING

strip of land between road serving dwellings & main finch. Rd.
few trees along road edge (oaks).
→ grass.

4. RELATIONSHIP TO ADJOINING PROPERTIES

5. SITE CONSTRAINTS

TREES

ACCESS/PARKING

LEVELS

BOUNDARY TREATMENT

OTHERS

Application No. TL/2001/5480

Appraisal

The application being considered proposes the erection of a 15m high telecommunications column plus two radio equipment cabinets, on land fronting 390 Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead.
The site lies within the settlement boundary of Finchampstead and is surrounded by residential dwellings.
A previous application for a TL (TL/2001/4365) at the junction of Windsor Ride and Finchampstead Road was refused (copy of report attached) and is currently at appeal.

The main issues in the consideration of this application are
1. the proximity of the mast to residential dwellings, and
2. its impact upon the street scene/character of the area

1. Proximity to residential dwellings

The site of the proposed telecommunications mast is located amongst residential dwellings on Windsor Ride, Finchampstead Road and Barkham Ride. The closest dwellings to the siting of the proposed telecommunications mast, Nos. 388 and 390 (23m and 25m respectively) with No. 377 (opposite side of road) being 26m. It is considered that this proximity to residential properties is unacceptable, and on this basis alone the application should be refused.

In addition to this The National Radiological Protection Board's (NRPB) current advice is that there is no proven human health risk from these installations. The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and pressure groups such as Powerwatch Networks confirms this position. Further research is currently being undertaken into possible health implications, although to date no definitive statement can be made.

136 letters (plus one from the Parish Council and one from an MP) and a petition with 64 signatures, from concerned local residents have been received in relation to this application. The main issues raised were concerns about possible health risks, the unsightly appearance of the mast, the risk to highway safety (distraction to drivers) and devaluation of properties. It is considered that this level of objection represents significant public concern about the effects of the proposal.

It is considered that the issue is not whether owners of neighbouring properties will suffer some form of financial or other loss, more whether the proposal will have a detrimental effect on the locality generally and on amenities that ought, in the public interest, to be protected. In an appeal against Wokingham District Council's refusal of planning permission, for telecommunications equipment the Inspector comments on the advice given in PPG1. This advice states that local opposition is not in itself a ground for refusing planning permission, unless that opposition is founded upon valid planning reasons, which can be substantiated. The Inspector commented that perceived fears are capable of being a material consideration, provided those fears are reasonably related to the development.

Given the level of perceived fear in relation to possible health hazards, in this case, (the circumstances around which are so uncertain), and that the LPA's capacity to act in the interests of the public, it is considered that the proposal would have a detrimental effect on the locality generally and on amenities of the local community in particular.

2. Impact upon the street scene/ character of the area

The proposed telecommunications mast is to be located on the along Finchampstead Road which is designated as a Green Route. It would be visually intrusive and would have a negative impact upon the street scene and character of the area.

Conclusion

It is considered that due to proximity to residential dwellings and the prominent position of the proposed telecommunications installation in the street scene, it is inappropriate development.

RECOMMENDATION: Refuse

T.G Watson

Application No. TL/2001/4365

Appraisal

The application being considered proposes the erection of a 15m high telecommunications column plus two radio equipment cabinets, on land at the junction of Windsor Ride and Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead.
The site lies within the settlement boundary of Finchampstead and is surrounded by residential dwellings on Finchampstead Road, Windsor Ride and Barkham Ride.

The main issues in the consideration of this application are
1. the proximity of the mast to residential dwellings, and
2. its impact upon the street scene/character of the area

1. Proximity to residential dwellings

The site of the proposed telecommunications mast is located amongst residential dwellings on Windsor Ride, Finchampstead Road and Barkham Ride. The closest dwellings to the siting of the proposed telecommunications mast, no.2 Windsor Ride and no.396 Finchampstead Road are 25m and 26m respectively. It is considered that this proximity to residential properties is unacceptable, and on this basis alone the application should be refused.

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129 letters and a petition with 378 signatures, from concerned local residents have been received in relation to this application. The main issues raised were concerns about possible health risks, the unsightly appearance of the mast, the risk to highway safety given the proposed siting of the mast close to a roundabout and devaluation of properties. It is considered that this level of objection represents significant public concern about the effects of the proposal.

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Given the level of perceived fear in relation to possible health hazards, in this case, (the circumstances around which are so uncertain), and that the LPA's capacity to act in the interests of the public, it is considered that the proposal would have a detrimental effect on the locality generally and on amenities of the local community in particular.

2. Impact upon the street scene/ character of the area

The proposed telecommunications mast is to be located on the junction between Windsor Ride and the Finchampstead Road, a busy road junction. It is considered that the mast would be visually intrusive and would have a negative impact upon the street scene and character of the area.

Conclusion

It is considered that due to proximity to residential dwellings and the prominent position of the proposed telecommunications installation in the street scene, it is inappropriate development.

RECOMMENDATION: Refuse

COPY.

WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS

REFUSAL OF PRIOR APPROVAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS NOTIFICATION

Mr J P Robertson
APT
Dolphin House
Albany Park
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Surrey
GU16 7QH

Notification No: TL/2001/4365

Parish: Finchampstead

Proposal: Proposed erection of 15m high telecommunications column plus 2 radio equipment cabinets

Location: Land at the junction of Windsor Ride and Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead

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 residential properties and its impact upon the character of the area.

Date: 17th August 2001

for Development Control Manager

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App refused letter
sent 04/02/02

56 DAYS

WOKINGHAM D.C. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

98/99.

Start date: 04 DEC 2001

Officer: NAB | Application No. TL/2001/5480

Map No. ..... Site ...0.01.....

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

Northing: ..... Mineral .....

Level: ☐ **Sub Committee** ☑ **Delegated** ☐ **Sec. State**

☐ **Incorrect Fee** ☐ **Invalid** ☐ **PD**

Description:

(TL) PROPOSED ERECTION OF ONE 15M HIGH MONOPOLE PHONE MAST WITH ONE TRI-SECTOR ANTENNA, TWO EQUIPMENT CABINETS AND ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT

Location: Land fronting 390 FINCHAMPSTEAD ROAD

Parish: FINCHAMPSTEAD Ward: Finch South. 11/12/01B.

Applicant: BT CELLNET LTD

Fee Received 190-00 (11) Required ..... Additional ..... Refund .....

Enforcement Section to be notified ☐ 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 : 11/12/2013 Parish Council Informed - YES / NO

INTERNAL CONSULTATIONS

Building Control .....
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 .....
Strategic Planning (JSPU) .....
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 : .....

OTHERS:

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NEIGHBOURS:

See map

HIGHWAYS CONSULTATION SHEET

From: Natalie Brown **Date:** 12 December 2001

Application Number: TL/2001/5480

Proposal: Proposed erection of one 15 metre high monopole phone mast with one sector antenna, two equipment cabinets and ancillary development.

Parish: FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH

Site Address:
Land Fronting 390, Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead, Wokingham.

Applicant:
B T Cellnet Ltd C/O A P T.

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:** AC 13/12/01

WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND HOUSING

MEMORANDUM

To: Natalie Brown
Development Control

Your Ref: TL/2001/5480

From: John Mullaney
Environmental Heath

My Ref:

Date. December 18, 2001

PROPOSED: ERECTION OF 15M HIGH MONOPOLE, EQUIPMENT AND CABIN

LOCATION: LAND FRONTING 390 FINCHAMPSTEAD ROAD, WOKINGHAM

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.

continued.....

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.

JOHN MULLANEY
SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND HOUSING

Appeal Decision

04 DEC 2001 5480

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Site visit made on 17 September 2001

by Bridget M Campbell BA(Hons) MRTPI

an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions

Date 18 OCT 2001

Appeal Ref: APP/Y1945/A/01/1067840
Junction of Derby Road and Gladstone Road, Watford

- The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant approval required by a development order.
- The appeal is made by BT Cellnet Limited against the decision of Watford Borough Council.
- The application (Ref.00/00829/GPDO), dated 19 December 2000, was refused by notice dated 30 January 2001.
- The development proposed is one 10 metre telecommunications column incorporating 3 tri-sector antennas, one radio equipment cabinet (1.36m x 3.5m x 1.38m high) and development ancillary thereto.

Summary of Decision: The appeal is allowed and approval given as set out in the Formal Decision below.

Main Issues

1. I consider that there are 2 main issues in this appeal. The first is the effect of the development on the character and appearance of the area. The second is whether public concern about health risks arising from the installation of the telecommunications equipment is a justifiable reason to dismiss the appeal.

Planning Policy

2. The Development Plan for the area comprises the Hertfordshire County Structure Plan Review 1991-2011 and the Watford District Local Plan 1993. Policy SE16 of the Local Plan contains a number of criteria against which all development will be assessed to achieve a high standard of design and layout sympathetic to the character of the area. Policy SE17 says that telecommunications development will be considered against any specific demands of the apparatus or operator on the location, design and siting, and whether existing facilities can be shared or other more satisfactory alternative locations can be used.

3. There is also a 2nd Deposit Draft of the Watford District Plan 2000. In this Plan policy SE16 is to be replaced with policy U1b which again contains criteria to ensure that development is based on an understanding of the local characteristics of the area. Draft telecommunications policy U24a supports, in principle, the growth of new and existing systems and provides guidance for the submission of applications. Draft policy U24b is concerned with siting considerations for telecommunications equipment. It cites instances where development would be resisted and encourages unobtrusive design and siting; the sharing of existing sites; and the use of existing structures. The Council has also referred to its supplementary planning guidance, SPG23: *Telecommunications*, which will supplement the policies of the District Plan.

4 The draft District Plan does not carry the same weight as the Development Plan. This is especially so in relation to this appeal as I understand that telecommunications policy U24b is the subject of outstanding objections. Moreover, the Government issued a new Planning Policy Guidance Note 8 *Telecommunications* (PPG8) in August 2001, the content of which will need to be taken into account in the formulation of the Council's policies and supplementary planning guidance, as it contains the most up to date policy guidance.

Reasons

The First Main Issue – Character and Appearance

5. Gladstone Road and Derby Road are primarily residential streets, which lie just inside the Watford Town Centre Ring Road. The southern end of Gladstone Road joins Derby Road just north of Beechen Grove which forms part of the Ring Road. A landscaped strip runs between Beechen Grove and Derby Road and helps to provide physical and visual separation between the Ring Road and the residential area. The proposed mast and small equipment cabinet would be located on the bank edge of the footpath along Beechen Grove.

6. Looking first at the effect of the development on the Beechen Grove street scene, this road comprises a dual carriageway that carries large amounts of cars and commercial traffic. On its south western side are a number of large non-residential buildings including the substantial Harlequin Centre. In the context of this busy street scene, where the primary function is the movement of quantities of traffic, my opinion is that the mast and cabinet would not be particularly noticeable. The small equipment box, only some 1.4m high, would be typical of the sort of cabinet that one might expect to find along the road and it would have a backdrop of vegetation. The mast would be similar in appearance to the existing street lighting columns and even though it would be some 2m higher, I believe that it would not be especially prominent as it would stand apart from the existing columns thus avoiding a clutter of street furniture.

7. Looking along Gladstone Road in a southerly direction and along Derby Road in an easterly direction, the landscaped strip would largely screen the cabinet, but the mast would be seen rising above the vegetation. However, as the mast would be located on the far side of the landscaped strip, I consider that it would not appear to form an integral part of the residential area. Rather, it would appear as an external feature that could be seen from the residential streets, in a similar manner to existing street lighting along Beechen Grove and to the Harlequin Centre opposite. In these circumstances, and having regard to the particularly slender nature of the column and antennas, I believe that the apparatus would not unduly intrude upon the residential street scene.

8. I have noted that the development would be some 25m from the nearest residential property and about 100m from a primary school. Nevertheless, the mast would not be directly in front of the school or in front of the principal windows of any dwelling and thus it would not be constantly in view from these properties. In my opinion, the mast would not be so conspicuous that it would cause any appreciable harm to the local residential environment or to the character and appearance of the area generally. It would not, therefore, conflict with the aims of the Central Watford Green Zone designation to improve the quality of life by creating a street environment dominated by people as opposed to cars and to provide a residential area which is a safer, cleaner and more attractive place to live. Indeed, it might be argued that the development would contribute to those aims as it is intended to provide a service for occupiers of Derby Road and Gladstone Road.

9 The Appellant says that the proposed development is required because the existing base station for the area is reaching full capacity at peak times. The new telecommunications mast is intended to provide increased call capacity and improved radio coverage, including in-building coverage, along Derby Road and Gladstone Road. The Appellant has explained that evidence of call capacity constraints is experienced in the phenomenon of call blocking which does not lend itself to graphic analysis, and that the actual statistics are commercially sensitive.

10. With the advent of the new PPG8, operators may in future be expected to provide evidence regarding the need for proposed development. In this case, the Appellant has explained why the development is required and I consider that there is some merit in the Appellant's argument that capital investment would not be committed unless there is a need for the development. In addition, PPG8 says that authorities should not question the need for the telecommunications system which the proposed development is to support.

11. With regard to alternative sites, the Appellant says that there are no existing masts to share or suitable tall buildings to utilise. The only alternative suggested, the Harlequin Centre, has been discounted because of constructional difficulties and due to an unwilling landlord. The Council has not suggested any other alternative to the appeal site. The development is intended to provide coverage for a specific area of the community, namely along Derby Road and Gladstone Road, and I understand that the equipment would have a limited range of 200-300m. The area of search for a suitable location is, therefore, tightly constrained. Having walked around the area, I find it difficult to envisage that an alternative site could be found that would present less of an intrusion on the residential area than the appeal site, whilst still satisfying the technical requirements of the operator.

12. Drawing together my findings on the first main issue, I conclude that the Appellant has sought an unobtrusive siting and design for the development so that there would be no material harm to the character or appearance of the area. In this respect I find no conflict with the policies of the Development Plan or with up to date government policy in PPG8.

The Second Main Issue – Health Concerns

13. Growing public concern about the possible health effects associated with telecommunications base stations resulted in the Government asking the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) to set up an Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones, chaired by Sir William Stewart.

14. The Group's report (the Stewart Report) explains that base stations emit radiofrequency radiation and that national guidelines were published in 1993 by the NRPB to control maximum levels of exposure. Further guidelines were published in 1998 by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) which set more stringent exposure levels for members of the public. These were incorporated into a European Council Recommendation on 12 July 1999.

15. The Stewart Report concludes that the balance of evidence indicates that there is no general risk to the health of people near to base stations as exposure levels are expected to be a small fraction of the guidelines. However, it also referred to the possibility of indirect adverse effects in some cases. As a result, it recommended that a "precautionary approach to the use of mobile phone technologies be adopted until much more detailed and scientifically robust information on any health effects becomes available" (*paragraph 1.20*

of Summary and Recommendations refers). The Government has accepted this approach which is limited to the specific recommendations in the report, including the need to meet the stringent ICNIRP guidelines for public exposure to electromagnetic fields.

16. In the light of these recent developments, the new PPG8 has been issued which expresses the Government's firm view that the planning system is not the place for determining health safeguards. It remains central Government's responsibility to decide what measures are necessary to protect public health. If a proposal meets the ICNIRP guidelines for public exposure it should not be necessary for a planning authority to consider the health aspects and concerns about them further.

17. The Government's acceptance of the precautionary approach recommended by the Stewart Report is limited to the recommendations in the report and to the Government's response to them. The report does not provide any basis for precautionary actions beyond those already proposed and the Government considers that local authorities should not implement their own precautionary policies, e.g. by insisting on a minimum distance between new telecommunications development and existing development.

18. In this case, the Appellant has provided documentation to show that at the point of maximum exposure, some 48m from the appeal site, exposure levels would be only 0.00012% of ICNIRP safety levels. The school is located well beyond this distance and the beam of greatest intensity would not fall upon it. In addition, I understand that the antennas would not operate continuously but would only transmit when a signal was received. The Council's preference in the emerging District Plan and in SPG23 for sites more than 200m from residential properties and schools is not supported by PPG8.

19. There is no evidence before me to indicate that the proposal would conflict with the aim of safeguarding people from any harmful effects of the appeal development. I am well aware of the strength of local concern about health expressed in the letters of representation and I fully accept that such concerns are a material consideration in the determination of this appeal. However, these concerns do not provide a sufficiently strong basis to outweigh recent technical advice and current national policy set out above. I therefore conclude that public concern about the health risks arising from the installation of the equipment is not a justifiable reason for dismissing this appeal.

20. In reaching this conclusion, I have had regard to the 2 appeal decisions referred to by the Council. However, neither seems to me to be directly comparable to the appeal proposal which I have assessed on its own merits; one is the subject of a High Court challenge; and, importantly, both were issued before the publication of the new PPG8 which sets out current Government policy.

Conditions

21. I have considered the condition suggested by the Council in the event that the appeal is allowed, and believe that it is necessary to require the mast to be painted to match existing street lighting columns to ensure minimal visual intrusion.

Conclusions

22. For the reasons given above and having regard to all other matters raised, I conclude that the appeal should be allowed.

Formal Decision

23. In exercise of the powers transferred to me, I allow the appeal and grant approval for the siting and appearance of the development proposed in application Ref.00/00829/GPDO dated 19 December 2000, and the plans submitted therewith, under the provisions of Part 24 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended). The development proposed is one 10 metre telecommunications column incorporating 3 tri-sector antennas, one radio equipment cabinet (1.36m x 3.5m x 1.38m high) and development ancillary thereto on land at the junction of Derby Road and Gladstone Road, Watford. The approval is subject to the following condition:

1) The 10m telecommunications column hereby permitted shall not be finished in any colour other than Lakeland Green (BS4800 12 B 17).

Information

24. A separate note is attached setting out the circumstances in which the validity of this decision may be challenged by making an application to the High Court within 6 weeks from the date of this decision.

25. This decision only grants approval under Part 24 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended). It does not give any other consent or approval that might be required.

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Ref: SRE/30647A
Date: 27th November 2001

Dear Sir,

Proposed Telecommunications Installation for BTCellnet Ltd at pavement opposite lamppost 051A, Finchampstead Road, Wick Hill, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG11 5PL.

As you will know, APT-Marconi on behalf of BTCellnet Ltd is proposing to submit an application to the Local Planning Authority for the above mentioned telecommunications development. In order to satisfy planning requirements, I am obliged to advise you of our intention to submit a formal application to the Council within the next few days. Accordingly, please find attached a Developer's Notice of Proposed Development.

If you have any queries concerning this matter, please do not hesitate in contacting the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Edwards
For and on Behalf of: BTCellnet Ltd
Direct Line: 01276 605811

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DEVELOPER'S NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Proposed development at: **PAVEMENT OPPOSITE LAMPOST 051A, FINCHAMPSTEAD ROAD, WICK HILL, WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE, RG11 5PL.**

I give notice that **APT-Marconi** on behalf of: **BTCellnet Ltd**

is to apply to the **WOKINGHAM DISCTRICT COUNCIL** under condition A.3 of Part 24 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2001 for its determination as to whether the prior approval of the authority will be required to the siting and appearance of the following development;

FOR THE ERECTION OF ONE 15M MONOPOLE MOBILE PHONE MAST, COMPLETE WITH ONE TRI-SECTOR ANTENNA, TWO EQUIPMENT CABINETS AND DEVELOPMENT ANCILLARY THERETO

Under Part 24 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2001, the Council are allowed 56 days beginning with the date of the 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.

Copies of the application and accompanying plans may be inspected during normal office hours at the following address;

The Chief Planning Officer
Wokingham District Council
Council Offices
PO Box 157
Shute End
Wokingham
RG40 1WH

Any person wishing to make representations about the siting and appearance of the proposed development are invited to forward their views in writing to the Council within **14 days of the date of this notice** clearly referring to the site address given at the top of this notice.

SIGNED:

ON BEHALF OF: BTCellnet Ltd

DATED: 27 November 2001

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BTCellnet

Declaration of Conformity with ICNIRP Public Exposure Guidelines ("ICNIRP Declaration")

BT Cellnet
260 Bath Road
Slough
SL1 4DX

Certifies that the proposed equipment and installation as detailed in the attached planning / GPDO application at:

Cell 30647 Wick Hill – Street Furniture at Windsor Ride, Wick Hill, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40

is designed to be in full compliance with the requirements of the radio frequency (RF) public exposure guidelines of the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), as expressed in EU Council recommendation of 12 July 1999 * "on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz)".

* Reference: 1999/519/EC

Date: 20th November 2001

Signed: .....

Name: Abdul Ajaz

Position: Sites Acquisition Manager

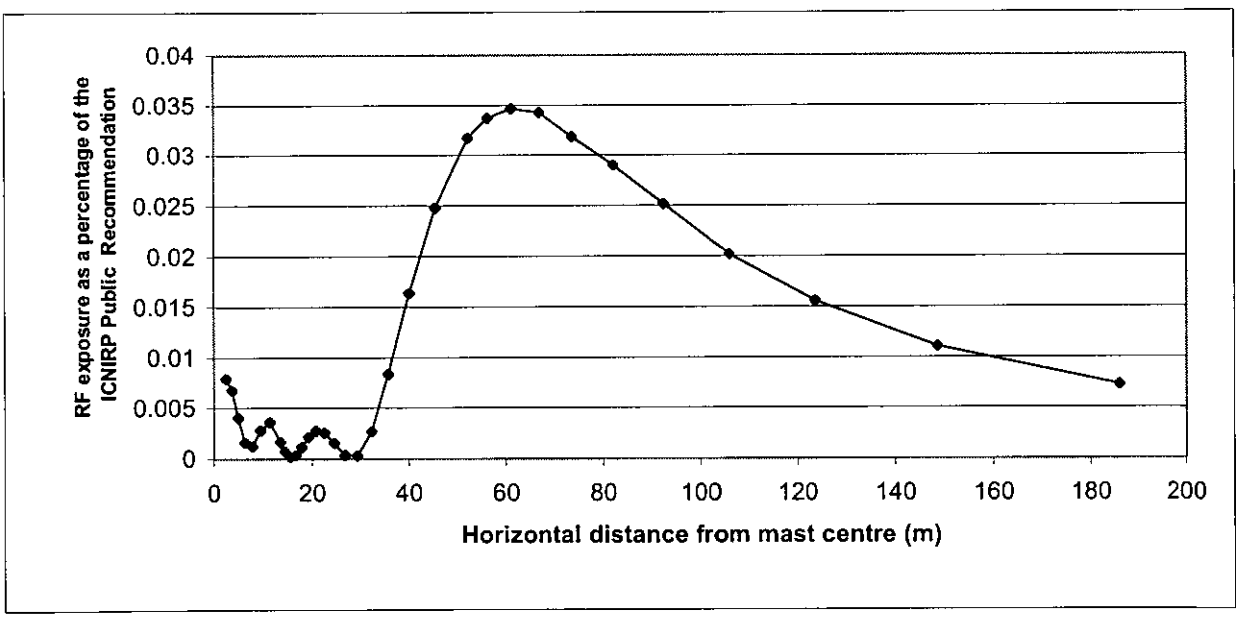
STREET FURNITURE MACROCELL ANTENNA FIELD STRENGTH PREDICTION

SITE: 30647 SF Windsor Ride

BTcellnet

Range from	2	m
to	200	m
900 MHz Band:		
Number of carriers	2	
ERP per carrier	17	Watts relative to a dipole
1800 MHz Band:		
Number of carriers	0	
ERP per carrier	100	Watts relative to a dipole
3rd Generation:		
Number of carriers	1	
ERP per carrier	122	Watts relative to a dipole
Mechanical Downtilt	0	degrees
Antenna Height	15	m - measured local ground to antenna centre
Measurement height	0	m - above local ground
Building losses	0	dB

The graph below shows the RF exposure from a typical cellular radio transmit antenna , with site characteristics as given above, expressed as a percentage of the ICNIRP General Public RF exposure recommendation.



maximum =	2.77	milliwatts per sq m
at	61	metres from the mast
	0.004	% of NRPB safety levels
	0.035	% of ICNIRP safety level
equivalent to	1.0	Volts per metre

Warnings: None

Date: 21-Nov-01

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My Ref: SRE/30647A
Date: 27 November 2001

Dear Sir /Madam,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) (AMENDMENT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2001 - PART 24 DEVELOPMENT BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CODE SYSTEM OPERATORS

ERECTION OF ONE 15M MONOPOLE MOBILE PHONE MAST, COMPLETE WITH ONE TRI-SECTOR ANTENNA, TWO EQUIPMENT CABINETS AND DEVELOPMENT ANCILLARY THERETO AT PAVEMENT OPPOSITE LAMPOST 051A, FINCHAMPSTEAD ROAD, WICK HILL, WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE, RG11 5PL.

BTCellnet Limited is licensed to provide a Cellular Radio Network within the United Kingdom. In order to facilitate this, the company has been conferred the status of Public Telecommunication Code System Operator to provide a public telecommunication system under Section 9 of the Telecommunications Act 1984.

We are writing, on behalf of BTCellnet LTD, to make application under condition A.3 (3) of the above Order for a determination as to whether the prior approval of the authority will be required to the siting and appearance of the development. We attach plan (Ref No:P/30647A(2)/GEN/050A & /051) and a site location plan showing the proposed installation, together with a cheque for £190.00 (One Hundred and Ninety Pounds) and supporting information.

Should you wish to discuss the proposals in greater detail, or require further technical information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

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My Ref: SRE/30647A
Date: 27 November 2001

Dear Sir /Madam,

LICENCE NOTIFICATION AS REQUIRED BY THE PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS CODE SYSTEMS OPERATORS LICENCE GRANTED PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1984

NOTICE OF PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED BY BT CELLNET LTD. FOR THE ERECTION OF ONE 15M MONOPOLE MOBILE PHONE MAST, COMPLETE WITH ONE TRI-SECTOR ANTENNA, TWO EQUIPMENT CABINETS AND DEVELOPMENT ANCILLARY THERETO AT PAVEMENT OPPOSITE LAMPOST 051A, FINCHAMPSTEAD ROAD, WICK HILL, WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE, RG11 5PL.

BTCellnet Limited is licensed to provide a Cellular Radio Network within the United Kingdom. In order to facilitate this, the company has been conferred the status of Public Telecommunication Code System Operator to provide a public telecommunication system under Section 9 of the Telecommunications Act 1984.

As a condition of its operating licence, BTCellnet LTD is obliged to give you 56 days notice of its intention to carry out the development specified above and as shown on the attached plan numbered P/30647A(2)/GEN/050 & /051.

The proposed works constitute permitted development under Part 24 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2001.

I trust that this clarifies the situation.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Edwards
For and on behalf of: BTCellnet Limited
Direct Line: 01276 605811

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56 DAY PRIOR APPROVAL NOTIFICATION AND SUPPORTING STATEMENT

RE: Pavement Opposite Lamppost 051A, Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead.
OUR REF: 30647A
(Please quote above reference number in all communications)

03 December 2001

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03 December 2001

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Proposed Development

The Site

The application site is located to the north of the village of Finchampstead, a small settlement to the south of the district. Access is currently gained via Finchampstead Road (B3016) (Drawing No. P/30647A(2)/GEN/050).

The site relates to an area of adopted highway on the east side of Finchampstead Road (B3016), situated 70 metres north of the junction with Nine Mile Ride (B3430). The land is within the control of the Wokingham District Council Highways Department.

The application site covers the land required for the proposed telecommunications development and its associated infrastructure including equipment housing.

Please find enclosed a search and coverage area map for the designated site. The search area is the region within which my client would seek to locate a radio base station, and the coverage area is the region that requires radio signal coverage. In this instance the search and coverage areas cover the same region.

The Proposal

In the design of telecommunications installations regard is had to technical, engineering, environmental and land-use planning considerations

The principal components of the proposed development, and general layout of the proposed telecommunication infrastructure is illustrated on the attached site location map (Grid Ref. TQ 05538 / 72384) and layout plan / elevations (Drawing No.P/30647A(2)/GEN/050 & P/30647A(2)/GEN/051).

The proposed development consists of a 15m slim line monopole complete with one tri-sector antenna. Two small associated equipment cabinets, measuring 1360 x 1380 x 350mm and 1450 x 1500 x 350mm are to be sited adjacent to the installation to the north. These are necessary to accommodate the separate 2G(GSM) and 3G (UMTS) radio equipment.

The use of the monopole has been proposed in order to minimise the visual impact of the development. Existing street lamps will help to integrate the proposal within the surrounding area. The street lamps are of a similar height to the proposed monopole and therefore provide further structures to assist the integration of the proposal into the locality.

The use of a slim-line monopole and the siting of the equipment cabinets has also been designed to minimise the visual impact of the development within the existing streetscape. Trees situated adjacent to the pavement on the east side of Finchampstead Road will provide screening to the column when viewed from the residential properties located to the east of the site.

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There is also hedging that will provide screening for the proposed radio equipment cabinets. The mast and equipment cabinets can be coloured to any BS Standard, if required. At present the proposed colour is, BS 4800 12 C 39 (ivy green).

Pre Application Consultation

In line with PPG8 (2001), the Telecommunications Code of Best Practice and the Ten Commitments of the UK mobile phone operators (supported by the Federation of Electronics Industries), pre-application consultation was undertaken with the Local Planning Authority to help identify the scope of the planning application and the issues to be addressed within this supporting ,statement.

In an e-mail from the Authority dated 13th November 2001 to A.P.T. Marconi, Elaine Vashi of Wokingham District Council stated that the authority had adopted a policy whereby telecommunications installations must be sited at least 60 metres from dwellings or any space which is regularly occupied e.g. schools and offices.

The Local planning authority has previously requested that the development should be located significantly further away from any residential property.

These issues are addressed later in this supporting statement.

Planning Policy

National Guidance

Planning guidance on telecommunications in England is currently contained in the following two documents. These are:

- Planning Policy Guidance Note 8 (PPG 8) 'Telecommunications' (August 2001);
- The Code of Best Practice on Telecommunications Prior Approval Procedures

The Government's general policy on telecommunications is to facilitate the growth of new and existing systems, whilst at the same time protecting the environment. It also attaches importance to the concept of mast and site sharing. For example, PPG 8 General Policies paragraph / bullet point 19 states:

"***In order to limit visual intrusion, the Government attaches considerable importance to keeping the numbers of radio and telecommunications masts, and of the sites for such installations, to the minimum consistent with the efficient operation of the network.***"

It is inevitable however that sites for new masts will be required in certain circumstances. PPG 8 paragraph 24 states:

" In seeking to arrive at the best solution for an individual site, authorities and operators should use sympathetic design and camouflage to minimise the impact of development on the environment."

The proposed monopole has been adopted for use due to its sympathetic design and this is therefore consistent with Government advice.

Consideration of Alternatives

Methodology

In assessing potential locations the following considerations have been taken into account.

1 Planning – Every effort is made to ensure that the most suitable site is identified in terms of its planning characteristics. In identifying potential sites consideration is given to the location of sensitive receptors, adjoining land use designations and the availability of effective screening measures. These considerations are however balanced by the technical requirements and the land availability issues identified below.

2. The radio implication of the site – The transfer of radio signals and data along the telecommunication networks can be provided through two alternatives; microwave antenna and fibre-optic links. With microwave antenna a 'line of sight' has to be established and protected between associated infrastructures, if this is disrupted so is the network service. To achieve an uninterrupted line of sight the installation must reach a sufficient height above surrounding buildings and trees. The installation must also be in a position to provide good in-building radio coverage to the target area.

3. Land availability – The site is dependent upon landowners' willingness to see their property used for this purpose.

APT Marconi has undertaken an assessment of potential sites within the search area. This assessment was undertaken through analysis of Ordnance Survey maps of the local area, a site visit and following discussions with the local planning authority and local landowners.

Site Specific Alternatives Considered

A) Wild Acres Nursing Home – This site was surveyed as a possible. However, the site provider was not interested in having the proposed radio equipment on their land. This option was therefore discounted from the survey.

B) Ridge Farm – An existing 22-metre Orange PCS mast was surveyed with the view to my client site sharing the existing mast. The location of the mast was considered by the apellant's Radio Planner to be too distant from the intended target area to provide adequate radio coverage. It is also located too close to existing cells located to the south. Locations for

a new mast to the north of the farm were assessed although the landowner was not willing to allow a further installation on the land.

C) Wren Crest Farm – This site is under the same ownership as Ridge Farm. Again, the site provider was not willing to allow a further installation on the land.

D) Finchampstead Surgery - This site was surveyed as a possible. However, the site provider was not interested in having the proposed radio equipment on their land. This option was therefore discounted from the survey.

E) A site close to the junction of Finchampstead Road and Windsor Ride was identified for a slim 'Street Lamppost' type column. However the prior appproval of the Local Authority was refused for the following reason;

'The proposal is unacceptable in view of its proximity to residential properties and its impact upon the character of the area.'

The site subject of this application met the required criteria for this cell. In erecting a 15-metre slim-line monopole mast on a pavement site the proposal minimises any detrimental visual impact on the surrounding streetscape. Access to the site is good and the approval of the relevant Highway Authority as 'Landowner' can be secured.

Whilst the proposed site is located within 60metres of dwellings, the development would not have an adverse impact upon residential amenities.

The advice given within PPG8- 'Telecommunications' is very relevant to the consideration of the current application. That is that' In the Government's view, local planning authorities should not implement their own precautionary policies, e.g., by way of imposing a ban or moratorium on new telecommunications development or on insisting on minimum distances between new telecommunications development and existing development.' (Appendix, Paragraph 101)

Assessment of Need

Methodology

A need has been identified for the proposed development on the basis of an assessment of the existing network. This assessment identified a requirement to upgrade and expand the network to be able to handle the demand for calls as well as to facilitate the introduction of the various forms of high-speed data transmission. The introduction of these new technologies require additional infrastructure to be established.

This assessment of need has involved analysis of the following criteria:

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1. Coverage – Under the terms of its license, granted by the Government, there is a legal obligation for operators to expand their networks to accommodate customer requirements of service and quality (see PPG8, Appendix – Supporting Guidance paragraphs 20 and 27). There is also requirement to ensure that all reasonable demands for service are capable of being met (see Code of Best Practice, part 1.2 paragraph 3). These demands by residential and commercial customers extend to the requirement for network coverage to be available at home, in the workplace, while shopping, enjoying leisure activities and while on the move.

2. Quality – In order to ensure coverage within buildings such as homes, shops, offices etc. the radio signal has to be of sufficient strength to penetrate walls. Radio base stations are low-powered devices (between 2 and 70 watts) communicating with low-powered handsets (2 watts maximum) and can only cover limited geographical areas; up to a theoretical maximum of 32 kilometres in flat, sparsely-populated areas and as a little as a few hundred metres in busy, urban centres.

3. Capacity – The coverage of networks are provided through a series of radio base stations each with a certain cell coverage area. The size of each cell is determined by a number of factors, in particular this is related to the demand from subscribers. As the use of and demand for mobile phones has increased the number of sites required to provide sufficient network capacity has increased. Each cell or base station can only handle a finite number of calls therefore in areas of high use additional cells are required to meet demands on the network. Capacity can be expanded either by introducing new sites or by splitting existing cells.

With the majority of the operator's network being operational and fixed the potential locations for new sites are limited. There is a need to provide an efficient distribution of sites to avoid the signals between sites, using the same frequency, causing interference with one another. The operators' radio engineers produce plans that indicate the optimum site location (the cell centre) and its coverage area. Only a small degree of tolerance is acceptable to provide the coverage required to avoid interference with adjoining cells. The radio parameters for any site can also be influenced by local topographical factors and clutter caused by trees or tall buildings.

Site Specific Assessment of Need

The attached radio coverage plots demonstrate the need for a base station at the above site. This plot is a computerised radio coverage prediction chart. The plots are very precise and their accuracy is constantly confirmed by the use of mobile towers and drive around radio surveys.

The coloured plots represent the strength of radio signals as they leave the antennas, and indicate a deficiency within the application area. These areas of deficiency are known as "holes" and where there are holes in the coverage provided users to the system will experience a number of deficiencies. These include:

- in-building radio coverage will not be obtained;
- when a customer attempts to join the network they will be unable to obtain a link to a base station. This is an important factor should a vehicle break down in the area, especially with regard to females travelling alone;
- a customer passing through the area using a mobile telephone will be cut off, which is known as "drop out";
- a telephone user trying to contact a customer in the area will be unable to get through;
- emergency services will not be contactable. Increasingly mobile telephones are being used for 999 calls.

It is for these reasons that it is important to achieve a comprehensive service of quality for mobile users. The main complaints received by mobile telephone operators about their service relate to the problems associated with dropped calls and no service.

The benefits of providing a modern telecommunications system and the need for providing sufficient levels of coverage, quality and capacity are recognised by the Government. In its statement on mobile phone masts on 16 March 2001 the Government states:

"***Parents and children feel more secure because of them. Mobile phones have saved lives – they allow emergency services to be called immediately when they are needed. None of this could happen without the masts and other infrastructure which enable the service to be delivered.***"

The attached plots indicate the radio coverage in the application cell area as existing and as anticipated subject to approval of this proposal. For the operator's requirements to be fulfilled, the area surrounding the proposed site needs to have a signal of at least –68dBm. i.e.blue. The existing plot clearly shows that the area at present is deficient in radio coverage and is therefore unsatisfactory for customers.

The plot based upon the proposed site's integration within the radio network indicates that coverage requirements are shown to be met with the majority of the application cell area showing signal strength above –68dBM.

Health and Safety

In response to the growing concern related to the health implications of exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMFs) the Government asked its statutory advisors on radiological protection (the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB)) to establish an Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones (IEGMP). This Group considered the concerns about the health effects from the use of mobile phones, base stations and transmitters. The expert groups' report (also known as the Stewart Report) was published in May 2000. It concluded that:

"the balance of evidence indicates that there is no general risk to the health of people living near to base stations on the basis that exposures are expected to be small fractions of the guidelines"

It is the Government's view that if a proposed development meets the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP:1998) public exposure guidelines, as recommended on a precautionary basis in the Stewart Report, it should not be necessary for a planning authority, in processing an application, to consider health effects further. This message was re-stated by Nick Raynsford to all English MPs and local authorities in a letter, dated 29 June 2000. It has since been further re-emphasised in PPG 8 (2001) paragraph 98, which states:

"...In the Government's view, if a proposed mobile phone base station meets the ICNIRP guidelines for public exposure it should not be necessary for a local planning authority, in processing an application for planning permission or prior approval, to consider further the health aspects and concerns about them."

The EU Recommendation is based on ICNIRP (1998) guidelines for limiting general public exposure to electromagnetic fields (radio waves). ICNIRP (1998) guidelines apply a 50-fold safety margin for continuous exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields, providing a conservative public exposure guideline set at 2% of the level where replicated biological effects have actually been observed.

The UK mobile phone operators will, as a minimum, build base station sites to comply with the ICNIRP general public exposure guidelines in areas where the public spend a significant amount of time. These areas are those locations where antennas are accessible to the public without the use of climbing aids such as ladders, crossing barriers or other access controls.

Nature of Radio Waves

As one moves away from the antenna, the strength of the radio wave falls off very rapidly. As the strength of the radio wave decreases, so does the exposure level. It is important to note that masts or other support structures do not emit radio waves.

Accordingly, there are points in space, around the antennas, where the maximum level just meets the ICNIRP general public exposure guidelines. These points define a volume within which there is the potential to exceed the ICNIRP general public exposure guidelines. This volume is referred to as the "***EU Zone***" or "***ICNIRP Public Zone***" and public access is physically restricted to these areas. For large base stations this area or exclusion zone is around 3 metres from the antennae, for smaller installations, as little as 3.5 centimetres. However access to the areas where ICNIRP public exposure guidelines may be exceeded will be restricted and warning signs will be displayed.

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03 December 2001

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Compliance Overview

When compared to the ICNIRP guidelines, the typical power densities from a base station encountered at ground level are never likely to exceed a value which is a hundred times lower than the recommended maximum. In reality, this condition rarely exists and therefore, the actual antenna loading of the installation will be less than that calculated from the theoretical maximum antenna loading.

This supporting statement includes a signed Certificate of Conformity issued by BT Cellnet, which confirms that the proposed development is within the established international guidelines. Calculations undertaken by the operator indicate that emissions associated with the proposed development will be a maximum of **0.035%** of the level recommended by ICNIRP in areas accessible by the general public.

In light of this information, it is not considered that local resident's perception of health risks arising from the installation of the telecommunications apparatus is sufficient reason for withholding prior approval in this case. In this regard I would refer you to the attached appeal decision relating to a similar proposal at the junction of Derby Road and Gladstone Road, Watford.

Conclusions

There is a requirement by the operator to increase telecommunication network coverage, quality and capacity in this locality. Network planners have identified a need for a further installation, which is demonstrated in the radio coverage plots included. The proposed development will address this identified need and improve the operators network in line with their licence requirements and customer demands.

The telecommunications infrastructure proposed as part of this application has been designed and sited, having regard to technical, engineering and land use planning considerations, in order to minimise its impact on the local environment. Accordingly, the proposed development is considered to conform with national and local planning policies and guidance.

The enclosed information from BT Cellnet Ltd confirms that the proposed development will conform to both NRPB and ICNIRP (1998) guidelines in areas that are accessible to the public.

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In Car
[>= –72 (dBm)]

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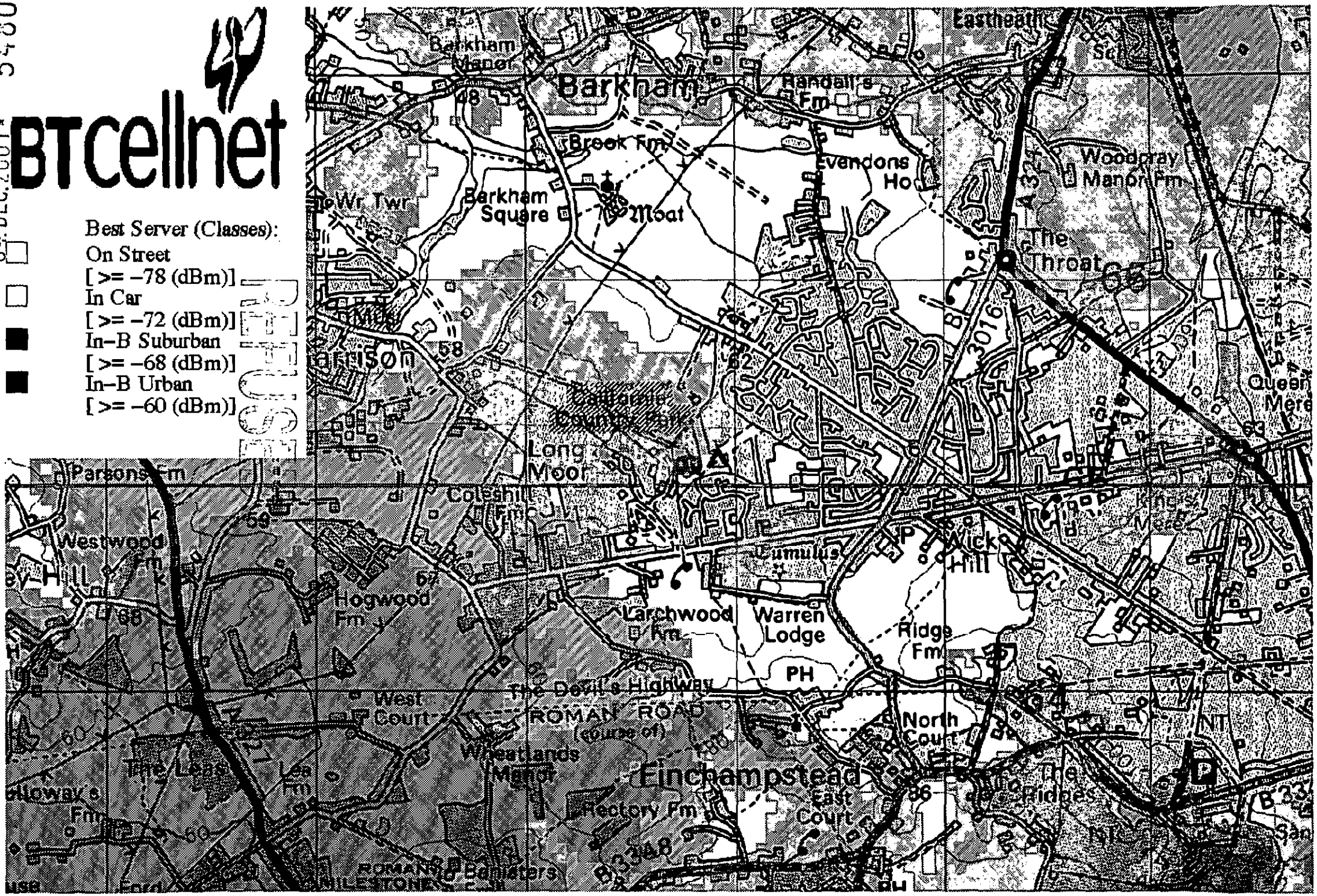



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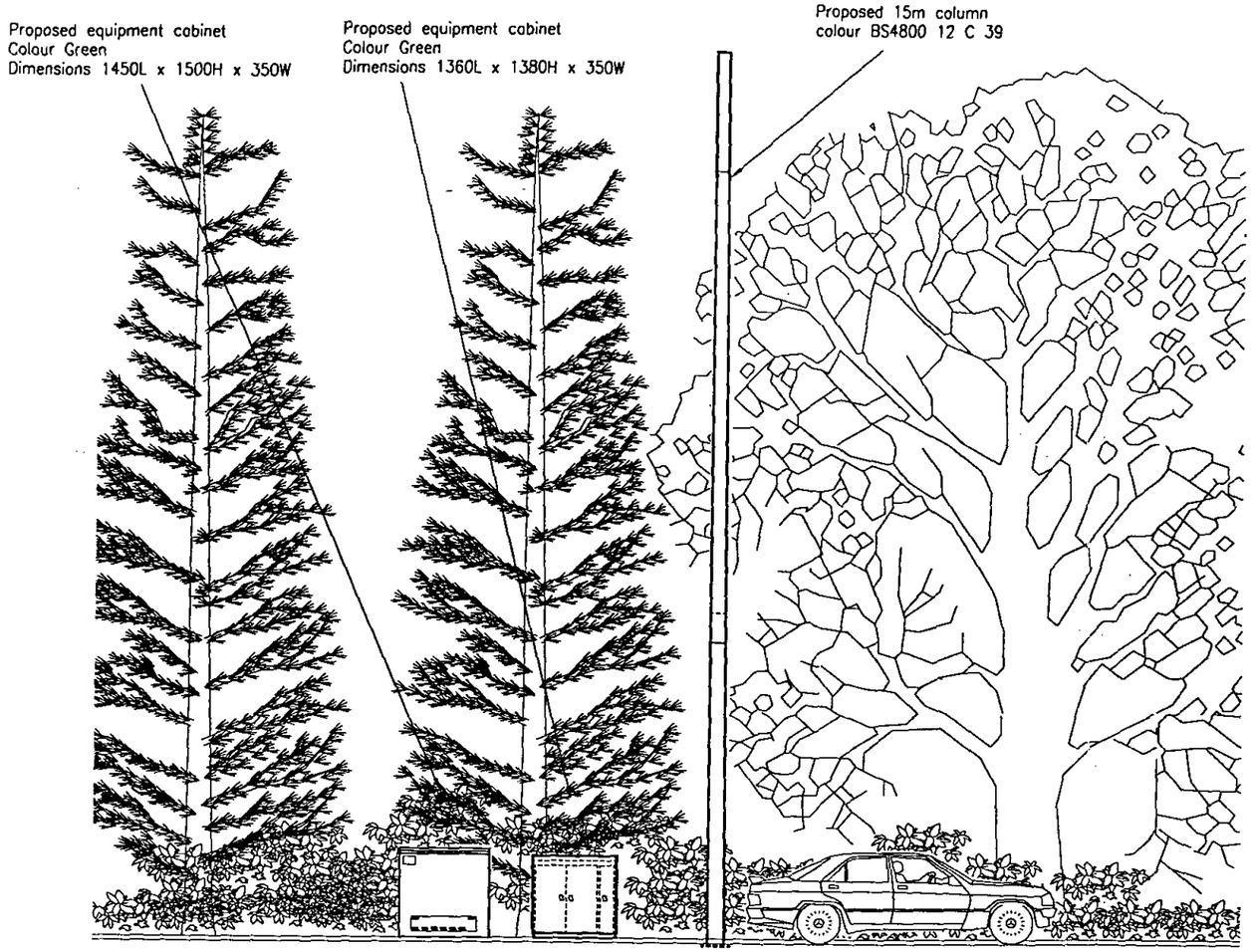

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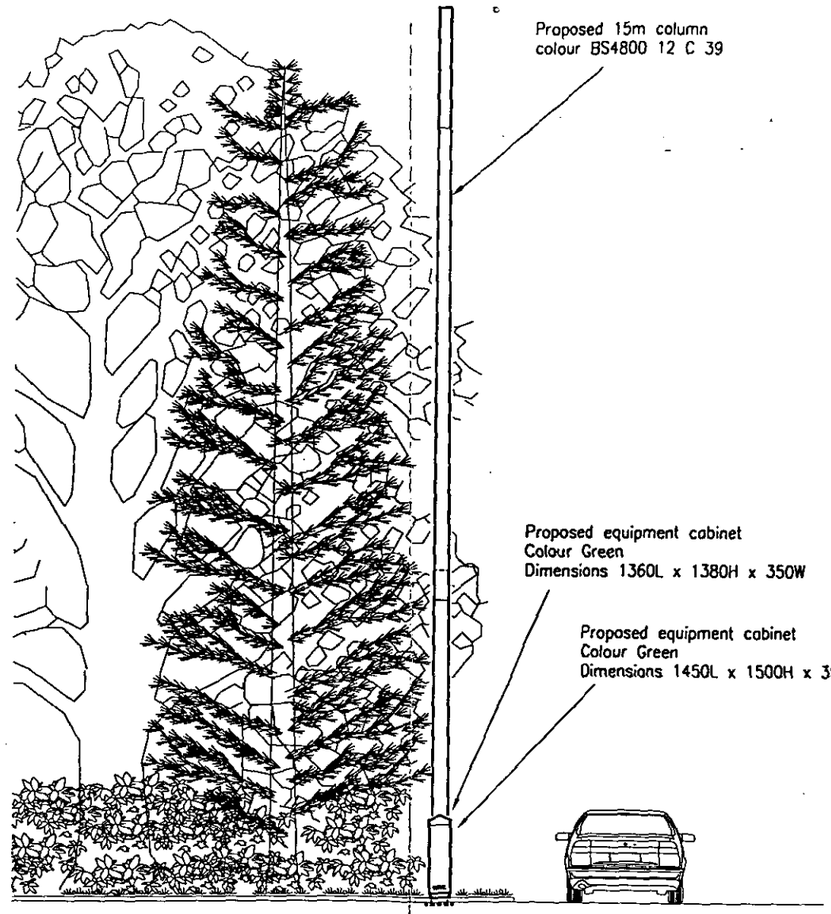

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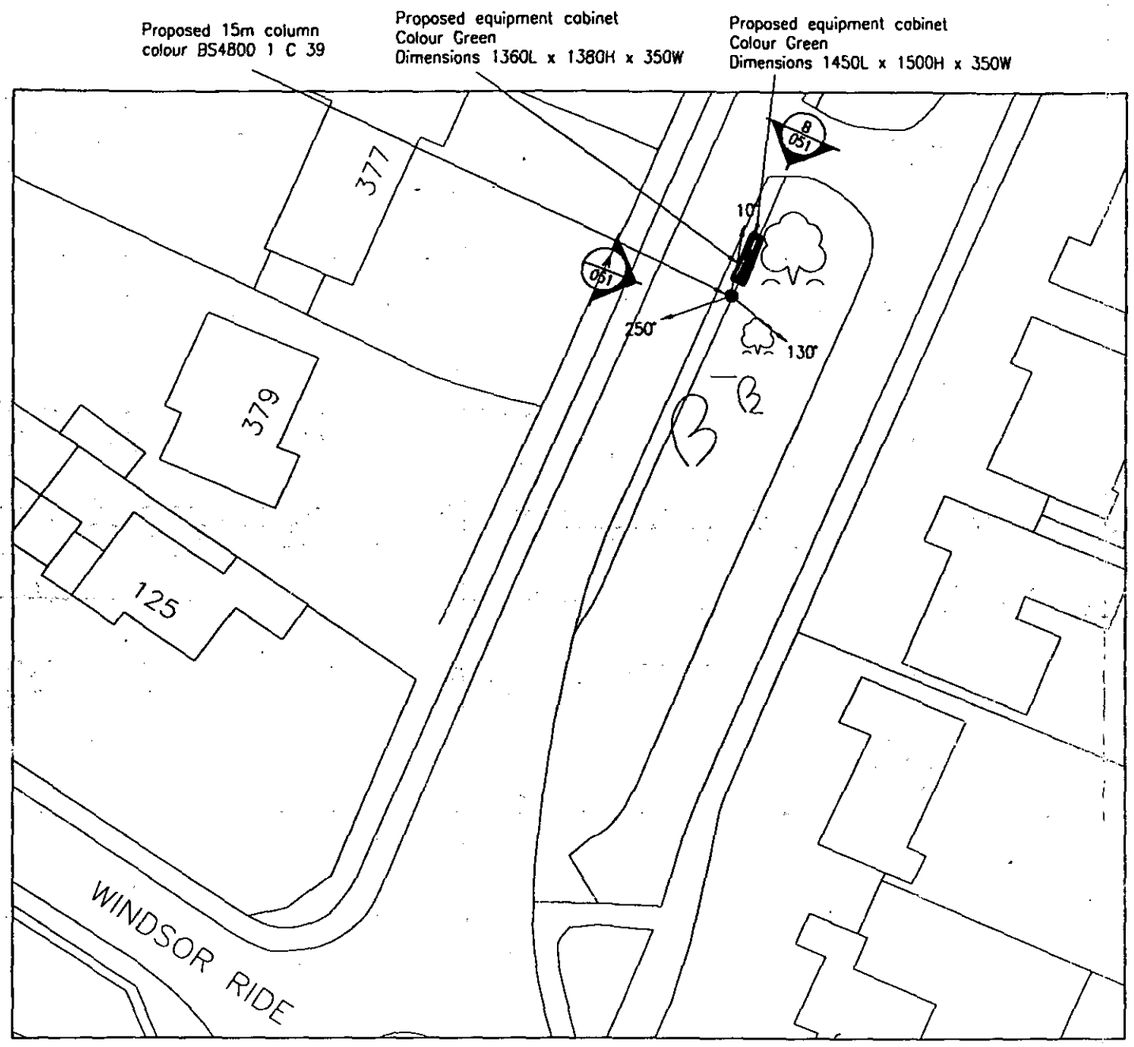

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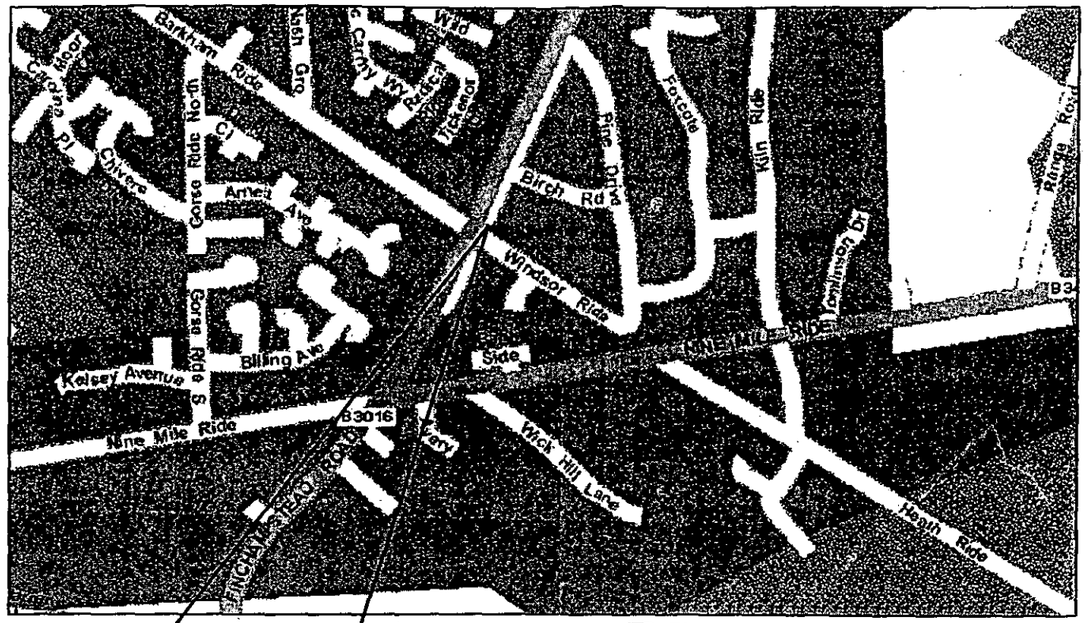

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STREET MAP DIRECTIONS	
Direction Details	Exit M4 at Jnc. 10 and head Sout East on A329. Turn Right at Jnc. to Wokingham, South on A321. Turn onto B3061. The proposed site is located on L.H.S. just after Birch Rd and before the R/About.

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Sent by Recorded Delivery

Dear Sir or Madam:

APPLICATION UNDER CONDITION A.2 (4A) OF PART 24 OF SCHEDULE 2 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995 & THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1999 FOR PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED BY TELECOM SECURICOR CELLULAR RADIO LTD AT WINDSOR RIDE, WICK HILL, WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE, RG40 5PL

BTCellnet Ltd Ltd. is licensed to provide a Communications Network within the United Kingdom. In order to facilitate this the Company has been conferred the status of Public Telecommunications Code System Operator. Cellular Radio Systems are designated as Public Telecommunication Systems under Section 9 of the Telecommunication Act 1984.

We are writing on behalf of BTCellnet Ltd. to make application under A.2 (4A) of the above order. We attach a plan (No. P/30647A/GEN/050A, 051A) showing the proposed installation together with a cheque for £35.00 (thirty-five pounds). Also attached is a copy of the site notice displayed in accordance with sub-paragraph (ii) of the above legislation and a plan indicating where it is displayed. Please note this application only relates to those components of the installation listed under (4) (b) & (4A)(a).

Should you wish to discuss the proposals in greater detail please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

John-Paul Robertson
On behalf of: BTCellnet Ltd.
Direct line: 01276 605056

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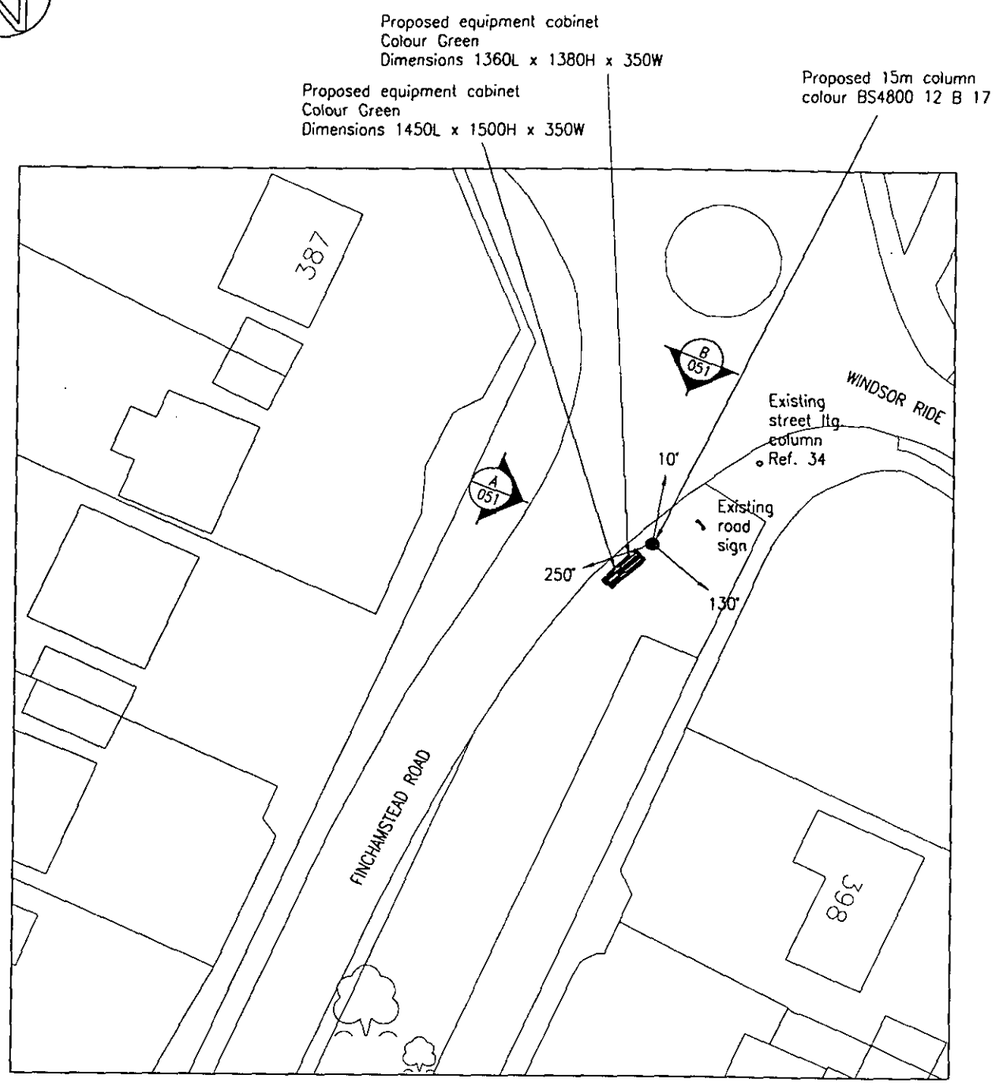

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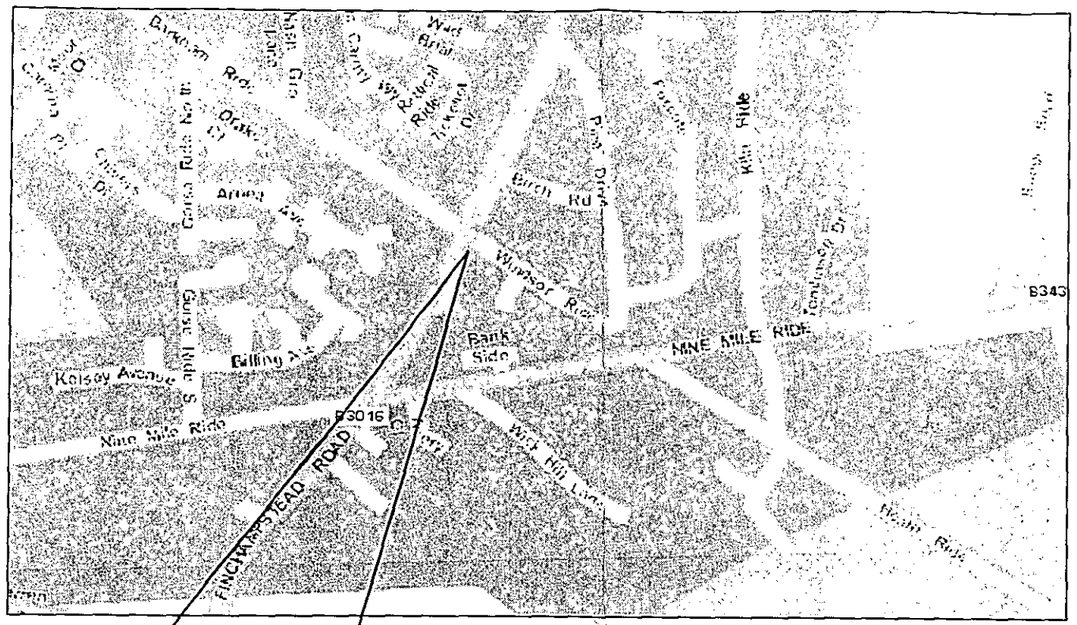

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Direction Details	M4 junction 10, South East A329, right at junction to Wokingham, South on A321 then on B3016. The proposed site is located on L.H.S. after Windsor Ride, where parking can be found.

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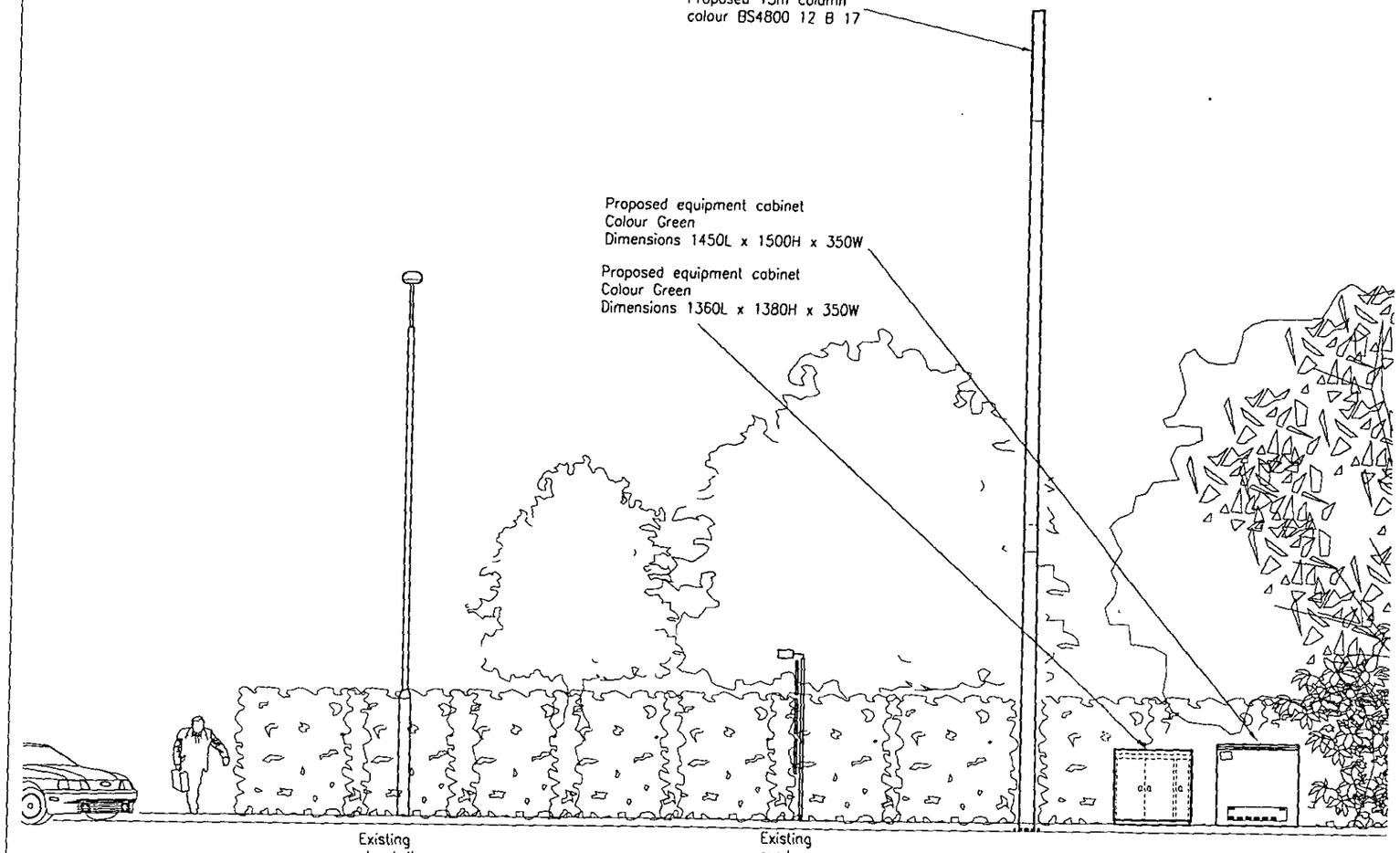

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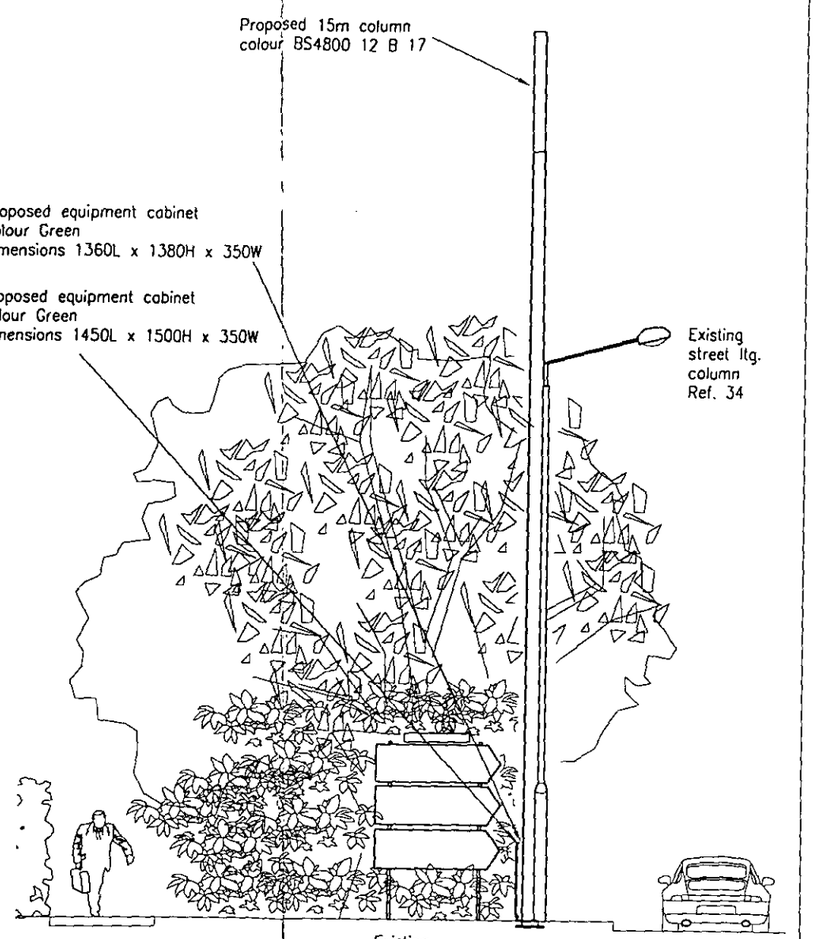

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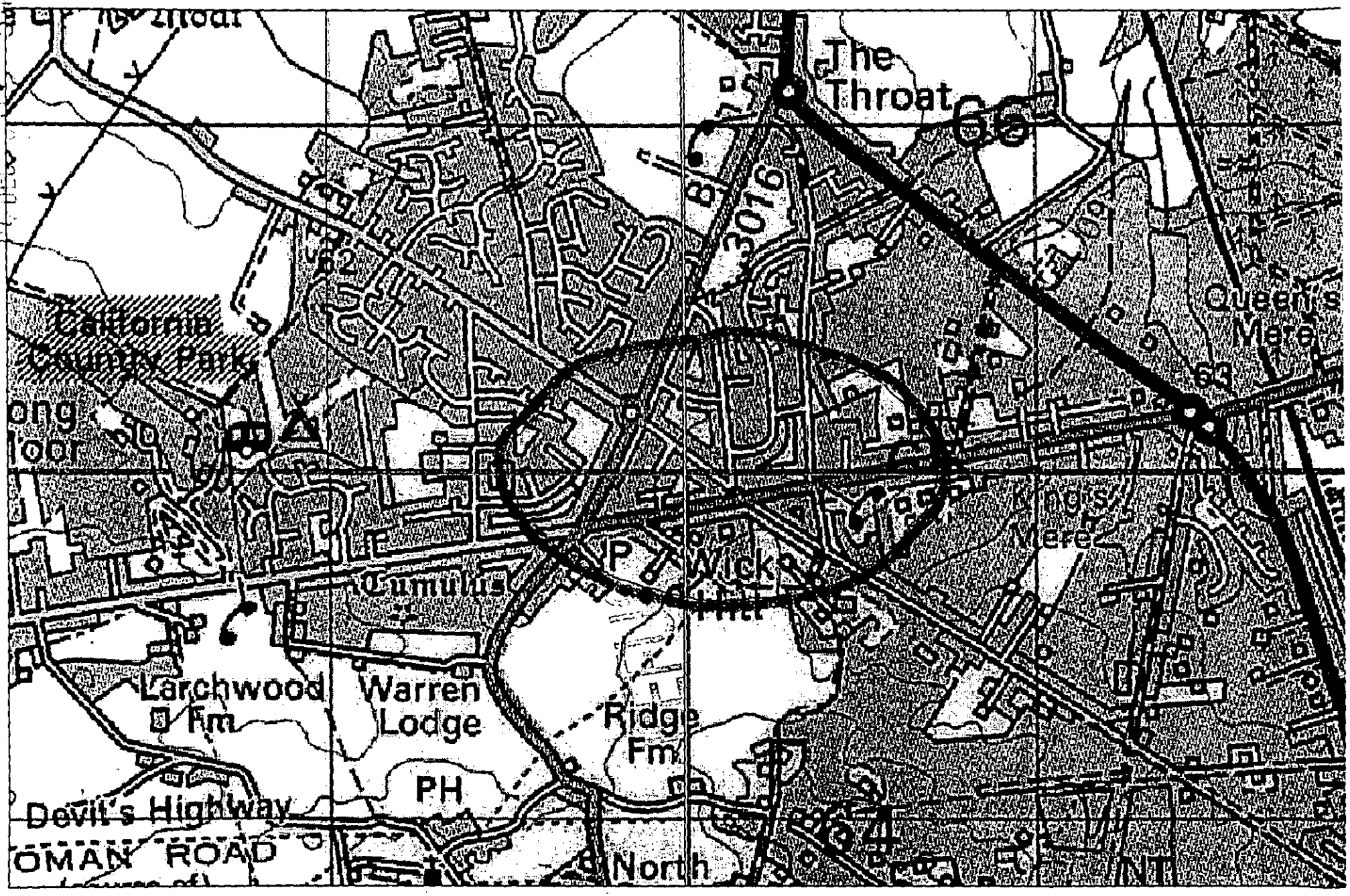
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