APPLICATION NO:

TL/2000/2446

LOCATION:
Land At Milestone Avenue, Charvil Reading.

APPLICANT:
Vodafone Ltd C/O Terracom Estates Ltd

PROPOSAL:
Proposed replacement of existing 15 metre telecommunications mast with new 15 metre mast with 6 antennas attached

EARLIEST DATE FOR DECISION: **27/10/2000**

APPLICATION WILL HAVE EXPIRED ON:
15/11/2000 N/N 8th Nov

CASE OFFICER: **Joss Miller**

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WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS

APPROVAL OF PRIOR APPROVAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS NOTIFICATION

Mr A Roberts
Terracom Estates Ltd
The Lodge
18 – 21 Church Gate
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Notification No: TL/2000/2446

Parish: Charvil

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Location: Land at Milestone Avenue, Charvil

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

1. The existing mast shall be dismantled within one month of completion of the development.

   Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

John Hutson

Date: 13 November 2000

Development Control Manager

WORK SHEET FOR : Joss Miller

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Site Notice Displayed ? :

YES	NO	DATE
✓		23/10

Date of Neighbour Notifications : 19/10

Date of Site Visit : 23/10

Date Registered : 04/10/2000

Earliest Date for Decision : 27/10/2000

Latest Consultation Date/Site Notice Expiry Date : 27/10/2000

This application will have expired on: 15/11/2000. 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 :
4 letters of objection from Milestone Ave
3 letters of objection from Thameo Drive
Environmental Health - No objection
Petition - no of people petitioning 54.

Planning Issues :
Effect on Street scene & neighbouring properties.
Rural Area.

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Appraisal :

This application is for a replacement 15m mast with 6 antennas.

Neighbours & street scene/character of area
The nearest neighbours to the mast are approx. 150m away. The site has a thin screening of shrubbery however there is already a 15m mast on this site so impact has already been established. This mast is also a monopole therefore any adverse impact regarding the visual amenity and the character of the area would not be sufficient to warrant a refusal. The distance to residential properties ~~Street Scene~~ is considered sufficient for any adverse impact to be minimised.

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

Application Number TL/2000/2446
Conditions/Reasons for Refusal

No	Std Con	Std Reas	Non Std Conditions / Reasons for Refusal
1.			The existing mast shall be dismantled within one month of completion of the development.
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Informative for approvals
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LODDON AREA LOCAL PLAN POLICIES:
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RECORD OF SITE VISIT

SITE ADDRESS: Land At Milestone Avenue Charvil Reading.

APPLICATION NUMBER: TL/2000/2446

OFFICER: Joss Miller

DATE OF SITE VISIT:.....

1 SITE/STATUTORY NOTICE DISPLAYED ?

2. DESCRIPTION OF SURROUNDINGS

3. DESCRIPTION OF SITE/BUILDING

4. RELATIONSHIP TO ADJOINING PROPERTIES

5. SITE CONSTRAINTS

TREES

ACCESS/PARKING

LEVELS

BOUNDARY TREATMENT

OTHERS

ADDITIONAL NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION SHEET

APPLICATION NUMBER: TL/2000/2446
CASE OFFICER: Joss Miller

ADDRESS OF ADDITIONAL NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION	NUMBER OF DAYS FOR RESPONSE	DATE LETTER ISSUED (for Admin use)
The Shrubbery (Mrs Robson) Milestone Ave. Churvil	21 (URGENT)	18/10/00 CH

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WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

From: Joanne Ellis, Environmental Health

To: Joss Miller, Planning

My Ref: JPE/aky/20002733

Your Ref: TL/2000/2446

Date: 9 October 2000

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING 15M TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST WITH A NEW 15M MAST WITH 6 ANTENNAS

LOCATION: HALL AGGREGATES LAND, MILESTONE AVENUE, CHARVIL

I have evaluated the above proposals and 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's in the U.K. They are continually reviewing the vast body of world-wide research on the subject.

The NRPB's current advice is that there is no proven human health risks 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.

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 telephone 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 current 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.



Joanne Ellis
Senior Environmental Health Officer
Environmental Protection & Housing

Received by Wokingham District Council

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Location:
Land At , Milestone Avenue, Charvil, Reading.

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

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

WOODLEY LIBRARY HEADLEY ROAD WOODLEY (9.30am - 7.00pm Mon, Thurs & Fri. 9.30am - 5.00pm Tues, 9.30am - 1.00pm Saturday. closed all day Wednesday). If you intend to view this application at Woodley Library (see details above) please allow 4 days from the date of this notice for delivery of plans.

Comments should be sent in writing QUOTING THE APPLICATION NUMBER to the Case Officer Joss Miller P.O. Box 157 Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham Berkshire, RG40 1WR to arrive on or before 7/11/2000. Written comments submitted will become available for public inspection.

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

Head Planning and Transportation

20 October 2000

WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Development Control Manager

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TERRACOM

Our ref: AR/5707-u001/West03

28 September 2000

By fax and post 0118 9746103

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Wokingham District Council
Council Offices
Shute End
Wokingham
Berkshire
RG40 1WH

Dear Sirs

Re: **Proposed Vodafone Alteration to existing mast at Milestone Lane, Sonning**

Further to the schedule 4, section 7 Notice submitted by recorded delivery in respect of the Vodafone radio mast site at Halls Aggregates Land, Milestone Lane, Sonning on 22nd September 2000, I write to request that this **Notice is withdrawn**.

It is intended that the existing pole will be swapped for a new replacement pole instead, which will require a 42 day GPDO notification. This is now proposed as it is believed that this will mean that there will be less traffic along the road once the site is built, and will negate the need for a cherry picker every time an engineer visits the site, as would be the case under the current proposals.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, or would like to discuss the proposed notification in the first instance then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Roberts BSc (Hons) ARICS FAAV
Project Manager

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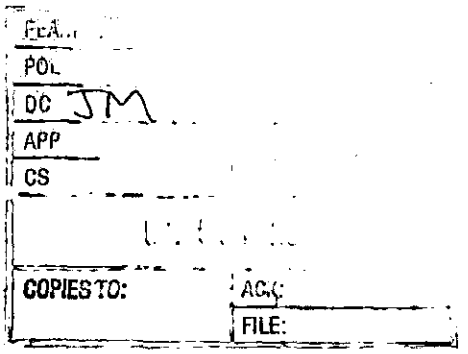

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22 September 2000

Chief Planning Officer
Wokingham District Council
Council Offices
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Wokingham
Berkshire
RG40 1WH

Dear Sirs

Re: **Proposed Vodafone Alterations to existing mast at Halls Aggregates Land, Milestone Lane, Sonning, Berkshire.**

Please find enclosed a Notice under schedule 4, section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 in respect of the above existing mast site. The proposal is as set out in the attached Notice, and it is proposed to alter the antenna at the top of the mast to increase the number from 3 to 6 antenna. The proposed 3 additional antenna will be of similar size and design to the existing antenna.

If you require anything further, or have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Roberts

Andrew Roberts BSc (Hons) ARICS FAAV
Project Manager

Enc.

BY RECORDED DELIVERY

TO: The Chief Planning Officer

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INSTALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPARATUS PURSUANT TO SCHEDULE 4 OF THE LICENCE GRANTED TO VODAFONE LIMITED UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1984.

VODAFONE LIMITED hereby gives notice pursuant to Schedule 4 of the Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under Section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 ("the Licence") of its intention to install permitted development in accordance with Part 24, Class A(a), of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 as amended by the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(Amendment) Order 1999. The telecommunications apparatus is listed below: -

An additional 3 no. cross polar antennas will be added to the existing 3 no. antennas. The new antenna will be of similar size to those existing.

AT: **Halls Aggregates Land, Milestone Lane, Sonning, Berks.**

OS Grid Ref: **SU 7687 7656**

Enclosures: Planning Drawings – Ref. No's 5707A-M1
5707A-T1 C
5707A-T2 A

All communications about this NOTICE should be made IN WRITING to:

Terracom Estates Ltd
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18 – 21 Church Gate
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Berkshire
RG19 3PN

Quoting reference 5707-U001/AR/VF. and marked "For the attention of Andrew Roberts"

ENQUIRIES TEL NO: 01635 866488

DATED THIS **22nd** DAY OF **September 2000**

Signed Terracom Estates Terracom Estates

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF VODAFONE LIMITED

SCH.4 – (Eng./Wales – Version 1) (22.07.99)

Tel. (0118) 974 6444 (Direct Line)
Fax. (0118) 974 6484
Email. Mike.Thorp@wokingham.gov.uk
Date 13 December, 2000
My ref. Development Control/MLT/TL/2000/2446
Your ref.

Mrs Theresa May, MP,
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Dear Mrs May,

TELECOMMUNICATION MAST ON LAND AT MILESTONE AVENUE, CHARVIL

I am writing regarding the above, in response to your secretary's telephone call to this department.

On 4 October 2000, the Council received an application for 'prior approval' to replace the existing 15 metre high telecommunication mast on this site with a new 15 metre high mast. The existing mast had three antennae at the top, whereas the proposed mast features six antennae.

Public consultation took the form of a site notice erected by the Council (in addition to that displayed by the applicant) and consultation letters to the nearest residential properties (101 to 105 inclusive, and 'Milton' Milestone Avenue). In response, four letters of objection were received from residents of Milestone Avenue, and three from residents of Thames Drive. In addition, a petition of objection was received signed by 54 people.

On 13 November 2000, the Council granted 'prior approval' for the proposal. A copy of the decision notice is attached. The site already contained a telecommunication mast, and both existing and proposed masts are mono-poles of the same height. The only significant difference was the increase from three to six antennae. The site is approximately 150 metres away from the nearest residential property, and government advice to Local Planning Authorities is to facilitate such development as far as possible. Therefore, whilst the Council was mindful of the level of objections, it was considered that there was no justifiable reason to withhold approval.

The people who wrote individual letters were notified of the decision by letter dated 30 November 2000. A copy of this letter and a list of to whom it was sent are attached.

Whilst the concerns of the local residents regarding damage to the road was noted, Milestone Avenue is a private street not maintainable at public expense. Given that telecommunication base stations give rise to little traffic after construction, this would not have been a reasonable ground for withholding approval. Unfortunately, the onus is on the owners of the road to take up the matter with Vodafone themselves under private law.

I hope this information is of assistance to you. However, if you have any further queries relating to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

M L THORP
Principal Development Control Officer

Enclosure: Approval notice and letter to objectors with list of names

020 7219 5206

Teresa May's Sec / at Hof Commons

Copy of

Notification letter ie telling residents it's "approved"

A few sentences on fact that it's same height as existing + it's residents job to look after private road.

Please.

COMMITTEE : ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

DETAILED BUDGET BOOK

CODE		2000/2001 BUDGET
SECTION: ENGINEERING		£
	5. HIGHWAYS GENERAL	
	C581G HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT CONTROL	
4940	CONSULTANTS FEES	30,000
6249	SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS	145,040
		175,040
	C582G STREET NAME & NUMBERING	
6249	SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS	12,050
		12,050
	C583G HIGHWAYS LAND SEARCHES	
6249	SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS	24,110
		24,110
	C584G GROUNDS MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT	
6249	SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS	140,530
	EXPENDITURE	140,530
7990	INCOME FROM SCHOOLS	(17,670)
7989	OTHER INCOME - CHARGE FOR MANAGEMENT	(2,650)
	INCOME	(20,320)
	NET EXPENDITURE	**120,210**
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6249	SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS	74,520
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Date 13 November 2000
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Dear Mrs May

LETTER FROM MRS JANET ROBSON OF THE SHRUBBERY, MILESTONE AVENUE, CHARVIL

Thank you for your letter of 30 October enclosing correspondence with Mrs Janet Robson regarding the installation of a Vodafone mast in Milestone Avenue, Charvil.

I have heard it claimed on several occasions that the Council directed Vodafone to this particular site. However, I have discussed this matter with my staff and nobody can recall any conversations with Vodafone in which they directed them to this or any other site. Sites for telecommunications equipment are chosen by the telecommunications operators because only they have the understanding of the technical requirements which dictate their location. The Council may sometimes informally comment on proposed sitings at the request of telecommunications operators but the Council does not dictate the locations.

The Council's policy towards telecommunications development is covered by Policy WIC14 of the Draft Wokingham District Local Plan which indicates that telecommunications development within 200 metres of any building used by people will be subject to particular scrutiny.

The Council as landowner will not normally allow mobile telephone masts on Council land or Council buildings within 60 metres of residential properties or any other structures where there is prolonged human presence. This is the standard which is applied as a minimum when looking at proposals for telecommunications masts.

In the case of the mast at Milestone Avenue the application is for a mast of the same height but slightly different proportions. It remains a monopole, rather than a lattice work construction and is 150 metres from the nearest dwelling. In the circumstances it would be difficult to justify a refusal of the development.

I fully appreciate your constituents anxieties and concerns over telecommunications equipment. Many of the issues she is raising appear to be private matters between herself and Vodafone and not issues in which the Council can become involved.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

JOHN MITCHELL
Development Control Manager

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Dear Mrs May

Thank you for your letter of 30 October regarding the proposed enlargement of the Vodafone mast off Milestone Avenue, and enclosed petition and copy letters from Mrs Janet Robson.

This matter is currently being investigated and a reply will follow shortly.

Yours sincerely

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JOHN MITCHELL
Development Control Manager

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REPLY REQUIRED
15/11

30 October, 2000

Dear Mr Mitchell,

I enclose a copy of a letter from my constituent, Mrs Janet Robson of The Shrubbery, Milestone Avenue, Charvil, Reading, Berkshire RG10 9TN, along with a copy of her letter addressed to you, regarding the proposed enlargement of the Vodafone mast off Milestone Avenue.

I note my constituent claims that it was the Council who suggested Milestone Avenue as the site for the mast in the first place and her dissatisfaction at not being informed.

As I am sure you will appreciate, my constituents are very anxious to protect this historic site and I should, therefore, be grateful for your comments on this matter and the question of the proposed enlargement of the mast.

Yours sincerely,

MRS THERESA MAY, MP

Tel: 0207 219 5206 *Fax: 0207 219 1145*
E-mail: mayt@parliament.uk

The Shrubbery
Milestone Avenue
Charvil
Reading
RG10 9TN

Tel: 01189 692253 Email: janet.spinalres@virgin.net 21st October 2000

Dear Mrs. May,

I enclose a letter, which we have just sent to Wokingham Council, with the 'petition' which was sent with it – it contained finally 90 signatures – just in order to inform you about how we felt about the Vodafone mast and the proposed enlargement, relative to our very quiet little lane, rare so close to conurbations, and which deserves to be conserved. We have defended it for nearly 40 years and do not see any reason, in any way, why big business should make use of it, and be permitted to damage it without making repair.

Yours with all best wishes,

Janet Robson

Mrs. Janet Robson
Voluntary Representative by general request

Milestone Avenue and Thames Drive Neighbourhood Watch and Residents: proposed replacement or enlargement of Vodafone Mast off Milestone Avenue.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, OBJECT MOST STRONGLY TO ANY FURTHER CONSTRUCTION WORK BEING CARRIED OUT ON THE VODAFONE MAST OFF MILESTONE AVENUE.
THIS IS BECAUSE:

1. THE ORIGINAL INSTALLATION CAUSED VERY SEVERE DAMAGE TO THE ROADWAY, DESPITE OUR REQUESTS TO PLANT DRIVERS TO TAKE MORE CARE.
2. DESPITE A MEETING BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND OURSELVES IN EARLY MAY, AND SEVERAL CALLS AND LETTERS FROM US SINCE, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE, AS AGREED BY THEM .
3. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPLIES AT ALL TO OUR SEVERAL LETTERS ASKING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROAD COSTS, ALTHOUGH WE ARE PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE ROAD.
4. WE WERE NOT INFORMED OF THE PROPOSAL TO INSTALL THE ORIGINAL MAST, DESPITE CLAIMS TO THE CONTRARY, AND WOULD HAVE OBJECTED FIERCELY IF WE HAD BEEN SO INFORMED, SINCE THE SITE IS COMPLETELY UNSUITABLE FOR HEAVY PLANT, AND THE MAST IS NOT PROVED TO BE SAFE.
5. IF ENLARGED IT WOULD BE EVEN LESS LIKELY TO BE SAFE.
6. IT SEEMS STRANGE THAT THE MAST SHOULD BE FOUND TOO SMALL AFTER ONE YEAR – IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT THE MAST WAS PUT IN TO AVOID PLANNING PERMISSION, NOT NEEDED AT THAT TIME FOR A MAST OF THIS SIZE, WITH THE INTENTION OF APPLYING FOR ENLARGEMENT ONCE IT WAS A FAIT ACCOMPLI. HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN?

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Tel: 01189 692253 Email: janet.spinalres@virgin.net 21st October 2000

Mr. John Mitchell,
Development Control Manager,
Environmental Services, Planning,
P.O.Box 157, Shute End,
Wokingham. RG40 1WR

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

Thank you for your letter , reference Jose Miller TL/ 2000/2446.

We were aware of the application because an orange and a white notice had appeared near the site of the Vodafone mast in Milestone Avenue. However, these notices gave different information about the final dates for objections to be lodged, one being next Wednesday 25th October and one next Friday, 27th. You give us 21 days from the date of your letter, which will be Wednesday 8th November.

I enclose signatures from residents in Milestone Avenue, Thames Drive, and Sonning Lane, all of whom were outraged to learn of Vodafone's application. They are piled in random order.

The wording on this 'petition' was said by most to be mild, because they would have liked to indicate the full extent of their anger. Signatories feel that they have been manipulated by the council's failure to notify us before the first mast was decided upon, and although there was a very insubstantial and vague notice near the site for a short while before that, it was on white paper and far back in the overgrown hedge, looking very like the notices on every new telegraph pole along the entire road, whose content is unthreatening and which are familiar. I read the notice about some proposal, but did not understand its implication.

We have had a clear comment from Vodafone that it was the council itself which suggested the site, and that there were several long meetings to discuss the mast before the decision was made to put it in Milestone Avenue. We should have been informed. There is a long history of our work to preserve Milestone Avenue, a historic site, and the Council should have been aware of this. It is really disgraceful.

You will see from the wording on the 'petition' that Vodafone treated us in a very cavalier way and continue to do so. We have no confidence at all in their future treatment of us.

A number of residents are determined to take individual private suits to claim compensation from Vodafone for the dreadful damage to the road, and for other nuisance, in the case of further delay in their response to us on two counts – that of damage to the made-up section of the road, and continuing expenses for the road in general, both of which have been discussed with Vodafone. We have received no communication from them since our last meeting, which was in May, although we have telephoned and written several times. The council have distanced themselves from this, although informed, and we regard this as pathetic.

Vodafone as a company, owning property with its only access via Milestone Avenue, and regularly visiting it with unusually heavy vehicles, and whose drivers both of heavy, wide-axle vehicles and of smaller vehicles, have driven dangerously and inconsiderately in the past, should **justly** contribute to the upkeep of the roadway, and not leave it to the residents, who are legally responsible for that upkeep.

It is also **just** that a company gaining commercial benefit when changing the nature of a historically valuable ancient lane, valuable also as a local amenity, from 'unspoiled' to one with commercial installation, should compensate residents, and indeed the community, for the loss of character. Many residents and visitors, from far afield as well as local, feel very sad indeed that this installation should have been allowed in the lane, which is of rare and important character. We feel strongly that the mast, which had no public approval, should be removed.

We heard from Vodafone, at the May meeting on site, that there had been 'vandalism' (their word) at the site. There had in fact been 24 hour noise from a generator placed on site, for, I believe, 6 weeks, immediately after the installation of the mast, in the Spring. The noise from the generator could be heard, especially at night during the balmy Spring when windows were open to enjoy the peaceful and temperate season, quite a distance along the lane in both directions. It may have been heard further in other directions – I know personally how noise follows the ground contours and lifts it sometimes to houses much further away, while nearer houses are not affected.

The 'vandalism' took the form of shutting off the generator. I imagine this was done by someone who was so disturbed by the noise that he or she took action to stop it. I believe the 'vandalism' to have been committed by Vodafone, who, without warning us, installed such a noise. However, truthfully, none of those who have been in any kind of contact with Vodafone knew that this had happened, and were indeed rather offended to hear from their representative that they thought it was some of us. It may well be from a resident, but we have absolutely no knowledge about it, and I believe that it was someone further away, to whom the noise had risen at night-time, and who was not involved with our attempts at civilised dealing with Vodafone. How dare a company introduce such a thing as 24 hour noise to a famously quiet community? No warning!

We have seen the mast in the Old Redingensians Rugby Ground, less than half a mile along the A4, which sprang up unannounced to us. There is the mast, less than half a mile in the other direction, near the roundabout to Wargrave and Twyford. We note that there is a larger mast to be erected in the Sonning University farmland, at the Aquatic Research unit – less than half a mile away in a third direction. We have among the residents an expert in telecommunications who researches the effects of radio waves, and who is horrified at the accumulation of masts in this area, because there is no definitive information that the accumulation of these waves is not harmful, except that put out by interested parties. There is at least as much information which indicates that they **are** harmful, at greater distances than suggested by the telecommunications industry, and cumulatively in an area, as well as over time.

There are many other complaints regarding the way Vodafone's appearance was foisted on us as a fait accompli, the way the installers behaved, the way Vodafone has behaved **secretively, manipulatively, and evasively**, the way the Council treated us, - all these amount to an arrogant and patronising attitude towards us, which lead us to desire no further incursion by this company, and, if possible, their **removal**. There are further complaints regarding damage which has to be put right, including concerns about frights caused by frightful driving by Vodafone subcontractors, concerns about cumulative radio contamination, and the very well-founded fear based on 'Give them an inch and they'll take a mile' which meands that one installation such as this makes it easier for Vodafone, and others, to move in.

We are united in our demand that there be no further business from Vodafone, or any other commercial interest, in Milestone Avenue. It is absolutely horrifying that one's worst fears are confirmed, in that the permission originally granted, to an apparently small plan, can be used to open up a larger scheme. We intend (and request your help) to stop it there, and to repair the damage to the fragile remains of beautiful England, the few which survive, closer to our conurbations than many such sites. It is small, but it **IS** precious – who would wish to destroy a tiny work of art, or a tiny piece of music, or a tiny historical document, just because it is convenient for a Vodafone mast?

We further demand that the present Vodafone aerial be removed, and plan to take this request further.

This letter has been shown to and approved by all signatories to the 'petition'
Copies will be sent to those mentioned below and others as we progress our objection.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Robson (Mrs.)

Please see next page for further copies to:

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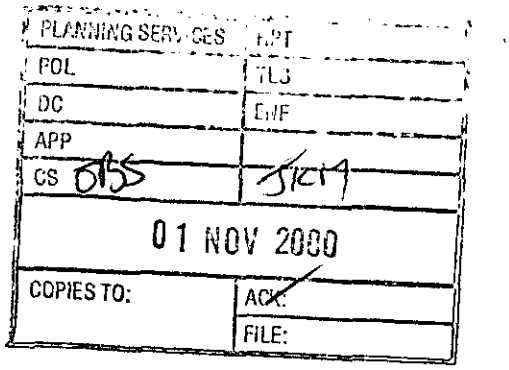

29th October 00

Dear Mr Mitchell,

Application No. TL/2000/2446
Site Address: Milestone Avenue
Proposal: Replacement of existing 15 metre mast with new 15 metre mast with 6 antennas attached

I have to say that I am amazed at this proposal or is it that both the council and vodafone think that we are incapable of understanding what is going on here.

Firstly, the residents were not informed of the original proposal despite a possible risk to health – still being researched. Now we are to believe that the original plan was not thought out properly regarding the size and requirement by Vodafone.

I think we are all aware that this is the stealth tactics used by many organisations where yet again profit comes before responsibility and the possible risk to the community.

Not only is the mast an unsightly blight on the landscape, just another one that we have to live with, but my main concern is the health risk and the way both the Council and Vodafone are trying to deceive the residents by unacceptable immature tactics.

Can we assume that if research proves there is a real health risk, and residents who in the future may become ill with cancer due to this decision, that both the Council and Vodafone will accept responsibility. Certainly the residents who have objected to having a mast in Milestone Avenue will certainly hold you responsible on the basis that you were aware of the risk but went ahead with the decision despite all the objections raised.

I sincerely hope that responsibility will take precedence over profit.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr Mitchell,

Application Number TL/2000/24446

As a resident of Thames Drive the only access to my property is along Milestone Avenue. I, together with the other Thames Drive residents, maintain the Tarmac section of road. This was badly damaged when the existing telecommunications mast was erected. The width and weight of the vehicles used broke down the edges of the road and even, on one occasion that I saw, came off the road into the ditch damaging the edge of the road very badly – this is subsequently rapidly deteriorating.

Although the company has been contacted by a representative of the residents of Thames Drive, to date no offer to repair the damage caused has been made.
I am therefore strongly against change to the mast lest further damage be inflicted by the heavy vehicles threatening access by essential emergency services beyond.

Please register my comments on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

E.H. Knight

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Dear Mr Mitchell

Application Number: TL/2000/2446

Site Address: Land at, Milestone Ave, Charvil Reading.

Proposal: Proposed replacement of existing 15 metre telecommunications mast with new 15 metre mast with 6 antennas attached.

I am writing to express my objections to the above proposal.

As a regular user of the Vodaphone network I understand the requirement for antennae of this nature. However I am more concerned about the nature of the original application and erection process which provided minimal opportunity for any objections to be raised and caused a significant amount of disruption to the road and weakening of the road surface. I do not want a repetition of the shortcoming of the original erection and subsequent dealings with Vodaphone.

With regard to this actual application I object to the increase in the number of antennae which, apart from producing an unsightly object in our road, will also obviously increase the amount of microwave signals in the area. Although living approximately 200metres from the antennae I pass it daily whilst walking my dog and am currently wary of the radiation implications which have been well documented in the Media. I am also concerned that the original location for the present single antennae was in the centre of Sonning and it was moved to this location due to the objection of local residents.

My other concern is the lack of co-operation and interest from Vodaphone in some of the concerns voiced by representatives from our road. As you are aware Milestone is a byway and as such is not made up with involvement both from the Council and ourselves in its upkeep. In the original erection and with regular subsequent visits from Vodaphone engineers there has been a significant degeneration in the road surface. Whilst this is not solely due to their activity we would have hoped for some form of regular contribution to the upkeep of the road surface as a gesture of goodwill from them. With the increased vehicular activity during the proposed new work I am concerned that there will be further deterioration. I am copying this letter to Vodaphone for their comments on this aspect.

Yours sincerely

John S C Kingham

Cc Customer Relations, Vodaphone Ltd., The Courtyard, 2-4 London Rd, Newbury, Berks RG14 1JX

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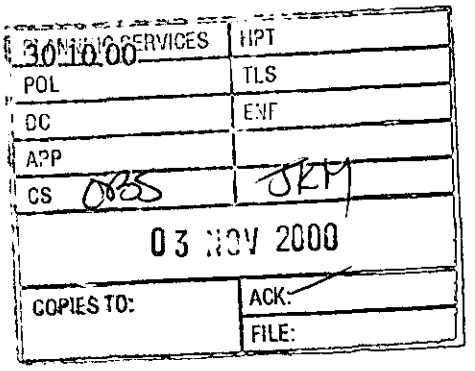

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Dear Sir,

Re Application No. TL/2000/2446

Milestone Avenue, is an unmade road,the residents do all they can to fill in all the pot holes, with the council very occasionally making good the road but when it rains it all washes out. We then have to drive over large holes filled with rain water, our cars are always dirty, and in the summer, we have to put up with all the dust coming off of the road.
To add to the burden of Milestone Avenue by more large vehicles being driven to fast can only seriously damage the road further, who will then repair it ?

Yours faithfully

this is the hard copy of what I faxed today, 6.11.00

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Your ref: Joss Miller
TL/2000/2446

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However, the trucks which were delivering the materials needed for the original 15 m mast were both larger, heavier (especially that bringing the transformer), and with a wider axle than normal traffic. The roads were holding up pretty well to normal traffic, but after the Vodaphone mast was erected, it was plain to see how damaged the roads had become during the time of installation. A truck had clearly gone off the road (where the verge is weaker than further towards the middle of the road), and indeed my next-door neighbour, Mrs R Knight, witnessed this. I'm sure she or her husband have written to you about this, but I remember she said it was the truck carrying the transformer, so of course it did the most damage. I mean, other vehicles with a lighter load would have done less damage.

Residents in Milestone Avenue will no doubt write to you about that road. You may know, however, that the part of Milestone Avenue which is between No 105 and St Patrick's Bridge is maintained with an asphalt surface by the residents of Thames Drive. Because of the narrowness of the road at the mast site, trucks wishing to turn around had to continue along Milestone Avenue (the asphalted part) until the right-angle bend just before the bridge, where there is a turning/passing bay. And, during the time of the erection of the mast, this part of the road was damaged in a way that a decade of normal traffic had not achieved. There were sadly

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I would object to the installation of an additional or alternative mast, unless and until the damaged roads have been repaired to at least the condition they had before the mast was put up.

There have been some alarming articles in the Press about the 'safe' distance between a mast of this sort and dwellings. Since the jury is still 'out' on this one, I make no further comment.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Madeline C Ettlinger

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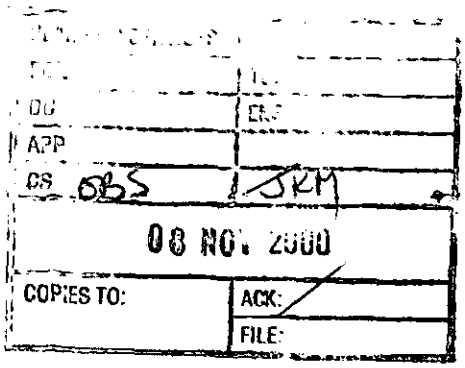

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Tel: 01189 692253 Email: janet.spinalres@virgin.net 7th November 2000

Mr. John Mitchell,
Development Control Manager,
Environmental Services, Planning,
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Dear Mr. Mitchell,

With reference t the Vodafone mast application in Milestone Avenue, TL/ 2000/2446, I would be grateful if you would come and have a look at Milestone Avenue, where the Vodafone works last year caused serious damage to the road. It would be most useful if you would come soon, because the wet weather makes the damage much easier to define.

There is a very obvious depression in the road in the shape of a wide sweep round towards the entrance to the site – it seem most probable that this was caused by the heavy vehicles used. Secondly, the edges of the road, for some yards on either side of the entrance, are very badly damaged and broken, sloping outwards and downwards in a way which is not apparent elsewhere.

Vodafone, who have failed to answer our attempts to contact them by phone and by letter since a meeting they had with us, at the site, in May, have caused this damage to the roadway, which the residents not only built at their own cost but maintain regularly, and for which they are responsible. The damage apparent now is worse than I have ever seen, and yet Vodafone arrogantly not only caused it, not only have refused to restore the former standard, but also are proposing to repeat the cycle.

I ask that the present mast be removed, under supervision by the residents, in order to control the formerly outrageous driving standards by the workmen. This is a serious request.

This is my personal letter voicing one of the causes for objection, and I do ask that you come and see the damage for yourself. However, I emphasise that most of the other residents have voiced scandalized shock at the damage and at any suggestion that this might be permitted again.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Robson

Janet Robson (Mrs.)

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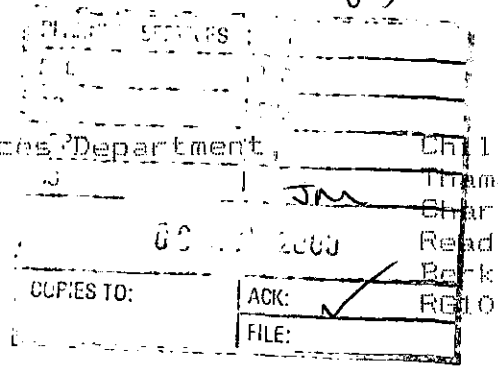

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Your Ref:TL/2000/2446

3rd November 2000

Dear Mr John Mitchell,

The first the residents of Thames Drive knew of the Vodaphone mast was when on a Monday morning earlier this year we were unable to gain access to the A4, so it is an improvement that this application has been posted and has been displayed AT THE SITE. Once the contractors knew there were residents further down the road to their credit they made efforts to let us by.

The tarmac section of Milestone Avenue is maintained with no assistance, by the residents of Thames Drive and is a single track lightly constructed surface designed for light weight and frequency. Added to this in the wet seasons the surrounding ground is very soft and the road can often be submerged. Lorries delivering to the above construction site used this section of road all the way to the corner just short of the bridge so as to be able to turn round. These lorries with their wide axles put a great weight on the most vulnerable section of the surface, the edges, causing longitudinal cracking most of the length they used. One of their lorries also went off the edge and has caused damage which has now become even more obvious.

We were assured by Vodaphone that on completion all would be made good.

On 23rd June a meeting was arranged at the site with Mr Seaward of Vodaphone planning, Mr Smedley of Ballast Wiltshire and the site foreman whose name I unfortunately missed.

They denied all!

They said lorries never went to the corner to turn, we saw it ourselves.

They said the lorry did not leave the road where the damage is but elsewhere, we saw it ourselves.

They said they used steel sheets in the field to turn their lorries, they did but you would have a job parking on them let alone turning a lorry there were so few.

They said they used a Mole to put the power cable through at vast expense for us, joke, they did that to save money, it was the perfect tool as the ground was very soft.

They said they had suffered vandalism to their generator fuel pipe looking at us.

They showed us photographs of the road they took before

work commenced taken in an area were they said their lorries did not go (river side of the work site) with a tractor tyre tread showing and suggested that was the heavy traffic that caused the damage. (we had told them the only regular heavy traffic was the refuse truck that starts with us therefore empty thanks to your co-operation.)

They said they would get back to us.

WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING.

We have written a letter and made attempts to phone to no avail.

It is obvious to me this site is planned to get much bigger though this was denied when we met. (look at the size of the fenced compound)

If one has to have one of these eye-sores I confess it is a good site not only from their point of view (coverage) but it is well hidden environmentally but I object strongly to the way we are made to face vast costs due to their construction.

The damage to the tarmac has now been accelerated by the damp weather and the imminent frosts will complete the total failure of the road surface while we wait for Vodaphone who have not honoured their promise to make good.

I understand the Council had a hand in the choice of this site, I therefore believe you now have a duty to insist that Vodaphone make good our road to the turning corner if you are to grant their now application.

Yours sincerely,

A.N. Gourley.

Applicationo	Name & Address
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App. approved,
Letter sent 30/11/00

Telephone message left on Anna Cronin's voicemail
Thursday, 30th November 2000 at 11.18 am

Rec TL/2000/2446

"Hello Ms Cronin,

My name is Janet Robson and I live in Milestone Avenue and I acted as the representative, or one of the representatives, for Neighbourhood Watch and the Residents Association for a long time.

We all objected unanimously, those of us who live in the lane and in Thames Drive, to the proposal by Vodafone to enlarge the mast which they got through the backdoor last year. It's absolutely obvious that they've used a subterfuge and possibly inducements. They couldn't possibly have got permission to get it against the unanimous opposition of all the people who live here in this lane for which we are responsible. We would, none of us, have been informed that they got permission and we would all like to appeal.

The work started this morning. I've had 9 very angry phone calls from residents about it.

I can't believe that permission was given and that Vodafone were allowed to start before we were informed. I think the whole thing has been an absolute shambles. A disaster in public relations and a disaster for the Council's relationship with its ratepayers too. We're so angry, I'm quite glad you're not there because I keep losing control of myself and shouting about it.

My name is Janet Robson as I said. I live in Milestone Avenue.
I don't want a phone call back. There's lots of correspondence between me and Joss Miller and there is all the documentation on the petition that we sent in also.

Good bye."

Milestone Avenue and Thames Drive Neighbourhood Watch and Residents:
proposed replacement or enlargement of Vodafone Mast off Milestone Avenue.

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5. IF ENLARGED IT WOULD BE EVEN LESS LIKELY TO BE SAFE.
6. IT SEEMS STRANGE THAT THE MAST SHOULD BE FOUND TOO SMALL AFTER ONE YEAR – IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT THE MAST WAS PUT IN TO AVOID PLANNING PERMISSION, NOT NEEDED AT THAT TIME FOR A MAST OF THIS SIZE, WITH THE INTENTION OF APPLYING FOR ENLARGEMENT ONCE IT WAS A FAIT ACCOMPLI. HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN?

DAVID McANDREW
Orchard House, Milestone Ave, Chorvil, Reading

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21st October 2000

Mr. John Mitchell,
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Dear Mr. Mitchell,

Thank you for your letter , reference Jose Miller TL/ 2000/2446.

We were aware of the application because an orange and a white notice had appeared near the site of the Vodafone mast in Milestone Avenue. However, these notices gave different information about the final dates for objections to be lodged, one being next Wednesday 25th October and one next Friday, 27th. You give us 21 days from the date of your letter, which will be Wednesday 8th November.

I enclose signatures from residents in Milestone Avenue, Thames Drive, and Sonning Lane, all of whom were outraged to learn of Vodafone's application. They are piled in random order.

The wording on this 'petition' was said by most to be mild, because they would have liked to indicate the full extent of their anger. Signatories feel that they have been manipulated by the council's failure to notify us before the first mast was decided upon, and although there was a very insubstantial and vague notice near the site for a short while before that, it was on white paper and far back in the overgrown hedge, looking very like the notices on every new telegraph pole along the entire road, whose content is unthreatening and which are familiar. I read the notice about some proposal, but did not understand its implication.

We have had a clear comment from Vodafone that it was the council itself which suggested the site, and that there were several long meetings to discuss the mast before the decision was made to put it in Milestone Avenue. We should have been informed. There is a long history of our work to preserve Milestone Avenue, a historic site, and the Council should have been aware of this. It is really disgraceful.

You will see from the wording on the 'petition' that Vodafone treated us in a very cavalier way and continue to do so. We have no confidence at all in their future treatment of us.

A number of residents are determined to take individual private suits to claim compensation from Vodafone for the dreadful damage to the road, and for other nuisance, in the case of further delay in their response to us on two counts – that of damage to the made-up section of the road, and continuing expenses for the road in general, both of which have been discussed with Vodafone. We have received no communication from them since our last meeting, which was in May, although we have telephoned and written several times. The council have distanced themselves from this, although informed, and we regard this as pathetic.

Vodafone as a company, owning property with its only access via Milestone Avenue, and regularly visiting it with unusually heavy vehicles, and whose drivers both of heavy, wide-axle vehicles and of smaller vehicles, have driven dangerously and inconsiderately in the past, should **justly** contribute to the upkeep of the roadway, and not leave it to the residents, who are legally responsible for that upkeep.

It is also **just** that a company gaining commercial benefit when changing the nature of a historically valuable ancient lane, valuable also as a local amenity, from 'unspoiled' to one with commercial installation, should compensate residents, and indeed the community, for the loss of character. Many residents and visitors, from far afield as well as local, feel very sad indeed that this installation should have been allowed in the lane, which is of rare and important character. We feel strongly that the mast, which had no public approval, should be removed.

We heard from Vodafone, at the May meeting on site, that there had been 'vandalism' (their word) at the site. There had in fact been 24 hour noise from a generator placed on site, for, I believe, 6 weeks, immediately after the installation of the mast, in the Spring. The noise from the generator could be heard, especially at night during the balmy Spring when windows were open to enjoy the peaceful and temperate season, quite a distance along the lane in both directions. It may have been heard further in other directions – I know personally how noise follows the ground contours and lifts it sometimes to houses much further away, while nearer houses are not affected.

The 'vandalism' took the form of shutting off the generator. I imagine this was done by someone who was so disturbed by the noise that he or she took action to stop it. I believe the 'vandalism' to have been committed by Vodafone, who, without warning us, installed such a noise. However, truthfully, none of those who have been in any kind of contact with Vodafone knew that this had happened, and were indeed rather offended to hear from their representative that they thought it was some of us. It may well be from a resident, but we have absolutely no knowledge about it, and I believe that it was someone further away, to whom the noise had risen at night-time, and who was not involved with our attempts at civilised dealing with Vodafone. How dare a company introduce such a thing as 24 hour noise to a famously quiet community? No warning!

We have seen the mast in the Old Redingensians Rugby Ground, less than half a mile along the A4, which sprang up unannounced to us. There is the mast, less than half a mile in the other direction, near the roundabout to Wargrave and Twyford. We note that there is a larger mast to be erected in the Sonning University farmland, at the Aquatic Research unit – less than half a mile away in a third direction. We have among the residents an expert in telecommunications who researches the effects of radio waves, and who is horrified at the accumulation of masts in this area, because there is no definitive information that the accumulation of these waves is not harmful, except that put out by interested parties. There is at least as much information which indicates that they **are** harmful, at greater distances than suggested by the telecommunications industry, and cumulatively in an area, as well as over time.

There are many other complaints regarding the way Vodafone's appearance was foisted on us as a fait accompli, the way the installers behaved, the way Vodafone has behaved **secretively, manipulatively, and evasively**, the way the Council treated us, - all these amount to an arrogant and patronising attitude towards us, which lead us to desire no further incursion by this company, and, if possible, their **removal**. There are further complaints regarding damage which has to be put right, including concerns about frights caused by frightful driving by Vodafone subcontractors, concerns about cumulative radio contamination, and the very well-founded fear based on 'Give them an inch and they'll take a mile' which meands that one installation such as this makes it easier for Vodafone, and others, to move in. * The installation's base seems suspiciously large - this has been pointed out by several residents who believe that Vodafone, and/or, know that there will be even a third plan to enlarge the aerial

We are united in our demand that there be no further business from Vodafone, or any other commercial interest, in Milestone Avenue. It is absolutely horrifying that one's worst fears are confirmed, in that the permission originally granted, to an apparently small plan, can be used to open up a larger scheme. We intend (and request your help) to stop it there, and to repair the damage to the fragile remains of beautiful England, the few which survive, closer to our conurbations than many such sites. It is small, but it **IS** precious – who would wish to destroy a tiny work of art, or a tiny piece of music, or a tiny historical document, just because it is convenient for a Vodafone mast?

We further demand that the present Vodafone aerial be removed, and plan to take this request further.

This letter has been shown to and approved by all signatories to the 'petition'
Copies will be sent to those mentioned below and others as we progress our objection.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Robson

Janet Robson (Mrs.)

Please see next page for further copies to:

I emphasise that I have been asked to write this covering letter, unanimously by signatories, and express only ideas voiced by signatories in general.

CC: Mrs. Theresa May, M.P.
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Date. 27 October 2000

My ref. JM/MLT/TL/2000/2446

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Dear Mr Roberts,

RE: PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF A 15 METRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST WITH A NEW 15 METRE MAST WITH 6 ANENNAES ATTACHED ON LAND AT MILESTONE AVENUE, CHARVIL. (TL/2000/2446)

I refer to your notification for a replacement 15 metre high telecommunications mast.

I am writing to formally advise you that the Local Planning Authority requires prior approval of this scheme, in view of the number of objections relating to this matter.

Yours sincerely

M L THORP
Principle Development Control Officer

File copy (objections)

Tel. (0118) 974 6463

Date: 04 October 2000

My Ref: Joss Miller TL/2000/2446

The Owner/Occupier
Milton and 101 – 105 (all)
Milestone Avenue
Charvil
Berks
RG10 9TN

Environmental Services Department
Planning Services
P.O. Box 157
Shute End, Wokingham
Berkshire RG40 1WR
Tel: (0118) 974 6000
Fax: (0118) 974 6484
Minicom No: (0118) 974 6991
DX: 33506 – Wokingham

Dear Sir/Madam

Application Number: TL/2000/2446

Site Address: Land At , Milestone Avenue, Charvil, Reading.

Proposal: Proposed replacement of existing 15 metre telecommunications mast with new 15 metre mast with 6 antennas attached

We have been consulted by Vodafone Ltd of their intention to carry out the above mentioned telecommunications development.

The application can be viewed at this office from 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.00 Friday or at Woodley Library, Headley Road, Woodley from 9.30am to 7.00pm Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30am to 5.00pm Tuesdays and 9.30am to 1.00pm Saturdays. The library is closed all day on Wednesdays. If you are intending to view the details at Woodley Library please allow 3 days from the date of receipt of this letter for the plans to be delivered.

If you have any comments regarding this proposal they must be made in writing and addressed to the case office, **Joss Miller**, quoting application number **TL/2000/2446** & should you have any queries please contact the case officer on **(0118) 974 6463**.

All comments must be received within 21 days of the date of this letter and will be open *to public* view.

Yours faithfully,

John Mitchell

Development Control Manager

fee £35-00 paid.
TL/2000/2446.
42 DAY Commencing
4/10/2000

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Our ref: AR/5707-u001/Woki04

03 October 2000

Chief Planning Officer
Wokingham District Council
Council Offices
Shute End
Wokingham
Berkshire
RG40 1WH

Dear Sirs

Re: **Proposed Vodafone Alteration to existing mast at Milestone ~~Lane,~~ Avenue. ~~Sonning~~ Charvil**

Further to the previous Notice and subsequent request to withdraw this in respect of Vodafones proposals at this existing mast site, we now enclose an application for prior approval for the revised proposals at Halls Aggregates Land, Milestone Lane, Sonning.

As set out previously, the existing pole is to be swapped for a new upgraded monopole, but supporting 6 rather than 3 antenna. The reason behind the use of a replacement pole in this instance is because it is believed that this will mean that there will be less traffic along the road once the site is built, and will negate the need for a cherry picker every time an engineer visits the site, as would be the case under the previous proposals. It is hoped that this will find more favour with the local residents who Vodafone are aware were concerned when the original works were taking place due to the amount of traffic generated at that time. This new proposal should ensure that traffic flows are kept to a minimum, and as such cause minimal disturbance.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, or require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Roberts

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Project Manager

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BY RECORDED DELIVERY

TO: Director of Planning

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INSTALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPARATUS PURSUANT TO: -

1. **THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995 (SCHEDULE 2 PART 24) AS AMENDED BY THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1999.**

2. **SCHEDULE 4 OF THE LICENCE GRANTED TO VODAFONE LIMITED UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1984.**

VODAFONE LIMITED hereby give notice as required under Schedule 4 of our Licence and make application pursuant to Part 24, Class A, Condition A.2(4) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 as amended by The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) Order 1999 in respect of the following development: -

The existing 15m monopole will be replaced with a new 15m monopole on top of which, 6 No. antennas will be placed. Each of the three additional antenna will be similar in size and appearance to the existing 3 antenna. .

AT: **Halls Aggregates Land, Milestone Lane, Sonning, Berks.**

OS Grid Ref: SU 7687 7656

Enclosures: Planning Drawings - Ref. No's: 5707A-M1, 5707A-T1 D, 5707A-T2 B
Telecommunication Prior Approval Procedures - Code of Best Practice
Prescribed Fee - Value £35.00

All communications about this NOTICE should be made IN WRITING to:

Terracom Estates Ltd
The Lodge
18 – 21 Church Gate
Thatcham
Berkshire
RG19 3PN

Quoting reference 5707-U001/RS/VF and marked "For the attention of Andrew Roberts".

ENQUIRIES TEL NO: 01635 866488

DATED THIS 3rd DAY OF October **2000**

Signed Terracom Estates .....Terracom Estates Ltd.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF VODAFONE LIMITED

THIS SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SUPPORTS AN APPLICATION FOR PRIOR APPROVAL DETERMINATION UNDER PART 24 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER AS AMENDED BY THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1999, IN RESPECT OF PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT BY A TELECOMMUNICATIONS CODE SYSTEM OPERATOR AS SPECIFIED IN THE **TELECOMMUNICATIONS PRIOR APPROVAL PROCEDURES CODE OF BEST PRACTICE. PART2.1.(ii)**

1. *PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY*

(i) Licence notification i.e. pre rollout of network	Date
Name of LPA contact	

(ii) On sites in specific cell(s)	Date
Name of LPA contact	

2A. *NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT*

Name	**Vodafone Ltd**
Address	**The Courtyard** **2-4 London Road** **Newbury** **Berks.**
Postcode	**RG14 1JX**
Tel	**01635 33251**

2B. *AGENT'S NAME, ADDRESS AND CONTACT*

Name	**Andrew Roberts**
Address	**Terracom Estates Ltd.** **The Lodge** **18-21 Chuch Gate** **Thatcham** **Berks.**
Postcode	**RG19 3PN**
Tel	**01635 866488**

2C. *LOCATION OF PROPOSAL*

Location	**Halls Aggregates Land, Milestone Lane, Sonning, Berks**

2D *O.S. SHEET/GRID REFERENCE*

Sheet and six figure grid reference of proposed development	
Sheet	**Landranger 175**
Grid Reference	**SU 7687 7656**

3. *PURPOSE OF DEVELOPMENT*

To improve network coverage and capacity due to increased traffic.

4. *THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE* (Please enclose a site plan and indicate details of cell boundaries, and whether shared mast/tower or free-standing)

(I) *Type of structure* (e.g. tower, mast, etc)
Monopole

Overall height **15m**

Height of existing building (where applicable) **N/A** metres

(ii) *Equipment housing N/A*

length Metres width metres height metres

(iii) *Materials (as applicable)*
tower/mast etc:- type of material and external colour
As existing

Equipment housing:- type of material and external colour
N/A

(iv) *Location of and distance to nearest residential or commercial property (where applicable):-*
Residential Houses approximately 150m to the south east

5. *DISTANCE FROM AIRFIELD OR AERODROME*

Please tick as appropriate

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

Signed Terracom Estates .....Terracom Estates

Date ***3rd October 2000***

On behalf of Vodafone Limited.

(Code BP – Version 1 22/7/99)

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SITE NOTICE

Proposed development at **Halls Aggregates Land, Milestone Lane, Sonning, Berks.**
OS Grid Ref* SU 7687 7656, *Cell ref: 5707

I give notice that ***Terracom Estates Limited***

On behalf of ***Vodafone Limited***

is applying to ***Wokingham District Council***

under paragraph A.2(4A) of Part 24 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 for its determination as to whether the prior approval of the authority will be required to the siting and appearance of :

The existing 15m monopole will be replaced with a new 15m monopole on top of which, 6 No. antennas will be placed. Each of the three additional antenna will be similar in size and appearance to the existing antenna.

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

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application and accompanying plans at ***Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham, Berks*** during normal office hours.

Individuals and organisations wishing to make representations about the siting and appearance of the proposed development are invited to forward their views in writing no later than ***25th October 2000*** to ***Wokingham District Council, The Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham, Berks*** clearly stating that comments are being forwarded in relation to the proposed development of a ground based mast at **Halls Aggregates Land, Milestone Lane, Sonning, Berks.**

SIGNED: *Terracom Estates Limited*

ON BEHALF OF: **Vodafone Limited**

DATED: ***4th October 2000***

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Site Notice

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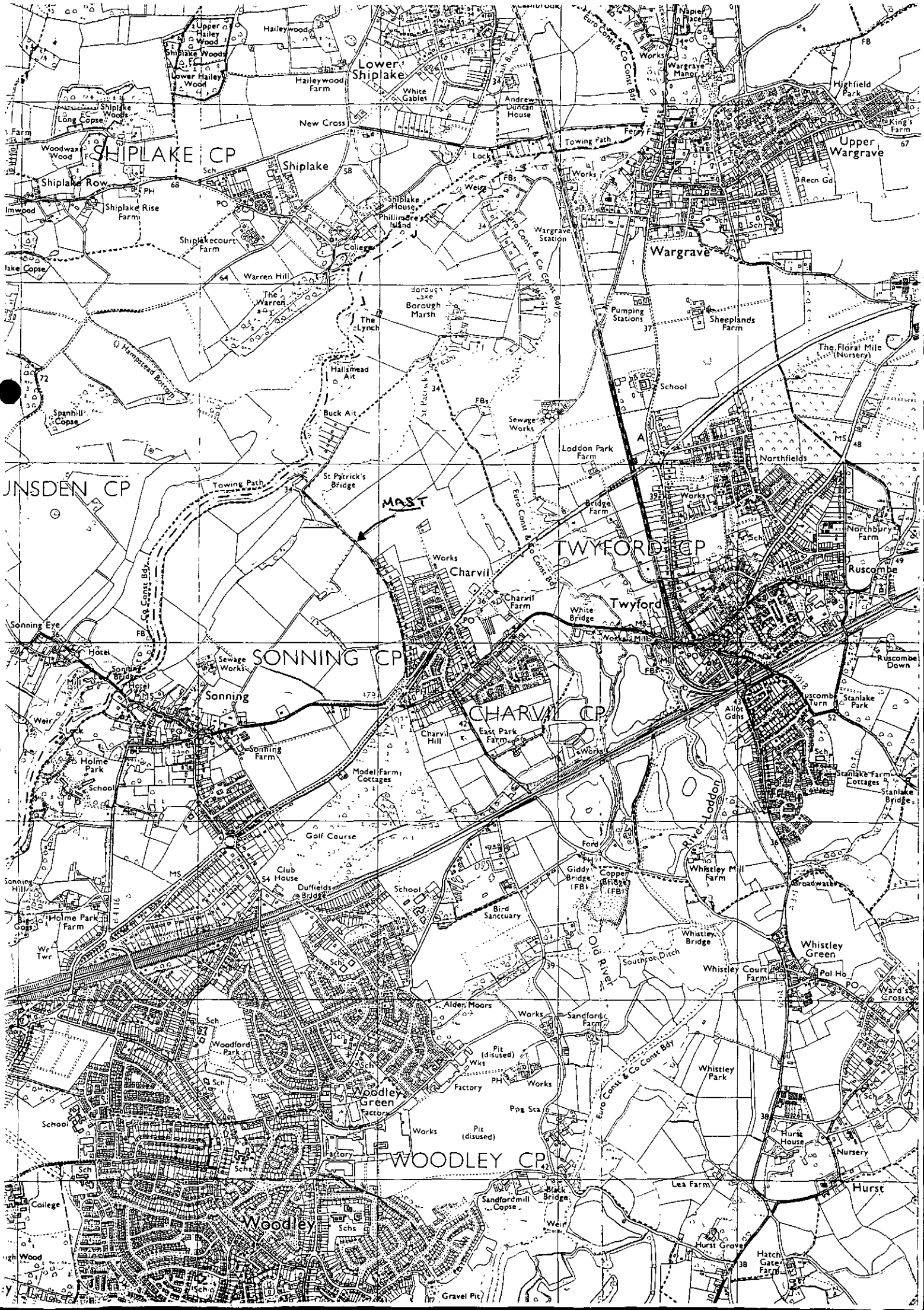

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Hailey Wood Farm
White Gables
Andrew Duncan House
New Cross
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Shiplake Row
Shiplake Rise Farm
Shiplake House
Phillimore's Island
Shiplakecourt Farm
College
Warren Hill
The Warren
Borough Lake
Borough Marsh
The Lynch
Hallsmead Ait
Buck Ait
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Hampstead Bottom
Towing Path
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Highfield Park
King's Farm
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Napier Place
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Pumping Stations
Sheeplands Farm
The Floral Mile (Nursery)
School
Sewage Works
Loddon Park Farm
Northfields
Northbury Farm
Ruscombe
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Stanlake Park
Stanlake Farm Cottages
Stanlake Bridge
Bridge Farm
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UNSDEN CP
Sonning Eye
Hotel
Sonning Bridge
Sonning
Sewage Works
SONNING CP
Sonning Farm
Holme Park
Holme Park Farm
Weir
Lock
Model Farm Cottages
Golf Course
Club House
Duffields Bridge
School
Charvil Hill
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Giddy Bridge (FB)
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Whistley Mill Farm
Broadwater
Bird Sanctuary
Whistley Bridge
Old River
Southcot Ditch
Whistley Green
Whistley Court Farm
Pol Ho
Ward's Cross
Alder Moors
Sandford Farm
Woodford Park
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Wks
Factory
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Hatch Gate Farm
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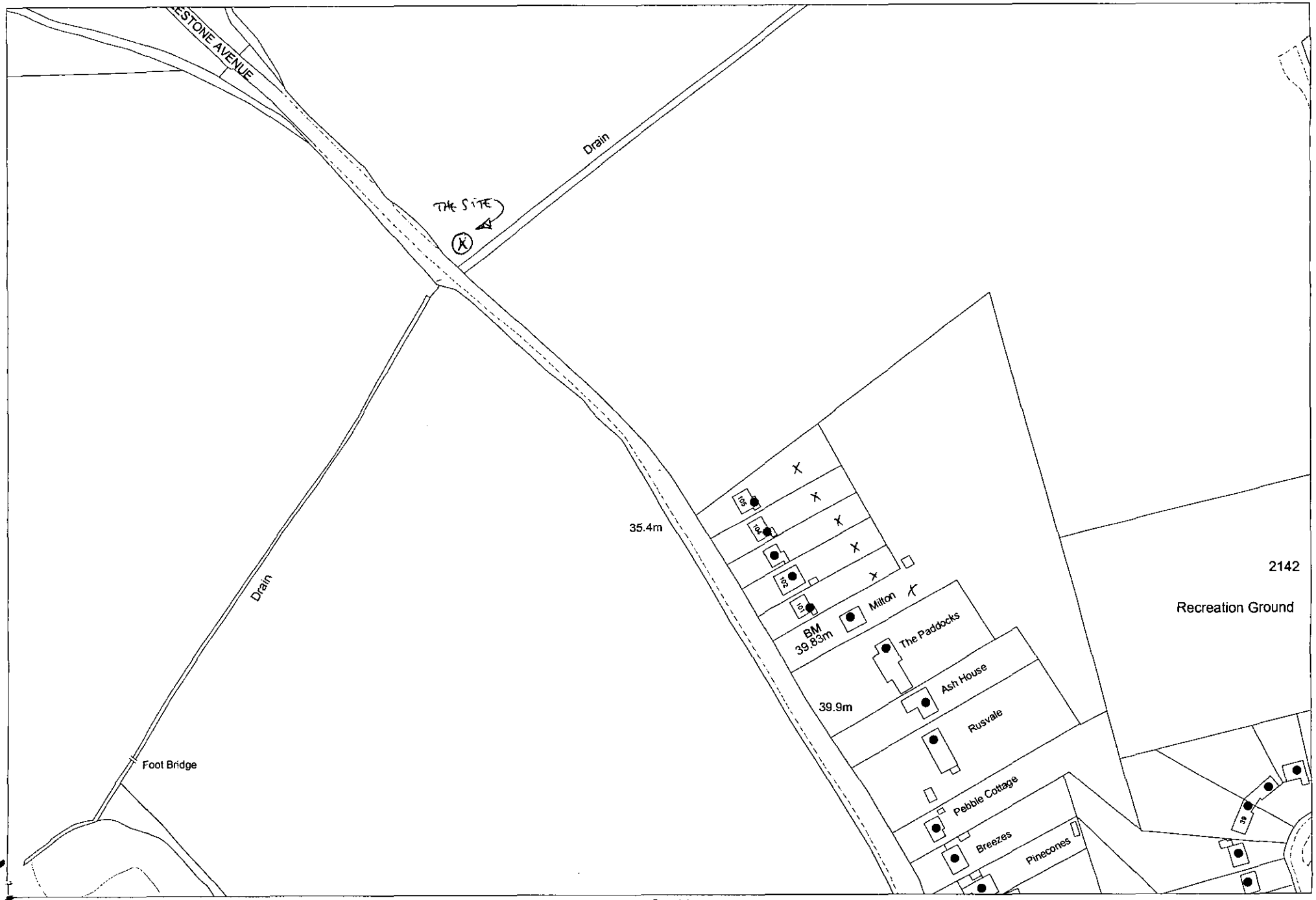

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Central Support Section, Environmental Services, Wokingham District Council.

4 October 2000

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