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Proposal: Installation of a multifunctional Communication Hub including defibrillator
Site: Pavement o/s 24-32 Cheapside, Barnsley S70 1RR

I write further to my recent applications and subsequent correspondence concerning the above proposal.

This Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) Statement has been prepared on behalf of Infocus Public Networks for the proposed installation of a multifunctional Communication Hub including a defibrillator located on Cheapside in Barnsley, within Flood Risk Zone 2. The purpose of this statement is to evaluate any potential flood risks associated with the proposal and demonstrate how the design and siting will not negatively impact the flood risk status of the area.

The application site is located with a designated Flood Risk Zone 2, and is therefore considered a medium probability area, where the annual probability of river or sea flooding is between 0.1% and 1%. This zone is subject to potential flooding but is protected to a certain degree by existing flood defences.

The proposed development involves the installation of a free-standing unit. The unit will be positioned strategically to ensure minimal impact on the existing site and its surroundings, both physically and visually.

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1. Design and Siting:

- The proposed unit is designed with resilience in mind and will be constructed using materials that are resistant to flood damage.
- The unit will be elevated on suitable supports where necessary to reduce any potential ground-level flooding interactions. As shown in *Appendix B – Hub Unit Detail*.
- The application site has been positioned in an area that does not obstruct or alter existing drainage pathways, ensuring the natural flow of water is maintained.

2. Impact on Flood Risk:

- The installation of the unit is not anticipated to exacerbate flood risk. Its design minimises obstruction of water flow, and its siting on reinforced supports prevents water displacement.
- There will be no substantial change in ground levels or increased impermeable surfaces that could affect local water drainage or increase flood risk.

3. Mitigation Measures:

- Regular inspections will be put in place to ensure there is no debris accumulation around the unit that could affect water drainage.
- Non-permanent anchoring allows for temporary removal during extreme weather events, if deemed necessary.

Each of the Hub units will be powered by an electrical supply from Western Power, the Distribution Network Operator (DNO) for this Region. The supply feeds into a fuse head position 300mm off the ground within the base of the unit, please see attached plan that shows the fuse head location. The power connections are IP65 rated, which gives protection against water splashed or jets but not full immersion. Should that event occur then the RCB within the unit will trip and cut off the electrical supply.

A further protective measure is provided by the DNO in the event of the supply feed being fully immersed or compromised, by which the LST fuse will blow, resulting in a dead supply. The unit itself and internal connections are earthed to neutralize any residual current. The unit will therefore be completely safe and have no live connections in the case of the unit becoming fully immersed in water.

Conclusion

Given the considered design, strategic siting, and proposed mitigation measures, the installation of the free-standing advertising unit on Cheapside in Barnsley, within Flood Risk Zone 2, will not negatively impact the existing flood risk profile of the area. Its minimal footprint and elevation strategies contribute to maintaining existing flood defences, ensuring continued protection of the site and surrounding properties.

The assessment concludes that no additional flood risk management measures are required due to the non-intrusive nature of the proposed installation.

I trust the above provides the detail and the insurance required, however please contact me if there are any further matters on which you need clarification.

Yours sincerely,



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