Design, Access and Supporting Statement

In respect of a full planning application submitted on behalf of Orange PCS Ltd

RE: Hall Farm, Church Street, Brierley, South Yorkshire, S72 9JR

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1.0 Introduction

This statement forms part of an application submitted on behalf of Orange PCS Limited. It has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 42 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 which requires the submission of a Design and Access Statement to accompany planning applications.

2.0 Proposed development

The proposed development consists of the extension of the existing 2.0m high palisade fence on the western boundary of the telecommunications compound at Hall Farm, to a new total height of 2.9m. The additional fencing has been painted matt black to match with the existing fence.

3.0 Access

3.1 Construction and Maintenance Access

Access to the site is via the access trackt o the farm itself, Water Lane, which is joined from Church Street to the South. This access was used for the original build and all subsequent planned maintenance visits. The construction of this fence has already taken place due to the urgency of the need to secure the site. In addition, it is required to prevent further instances of vandalism to the existing Telecommunications Base Station.

3.2 Public Access

Telecommunication Base Stations are not designed to be accessible by the public. Therefore no specific public access provisions are required to be incorporated into the design of the proposal.

4.0 Conclusion

There is a strong operational justification to improve the existing security provisions surrounding this site, as instances of security breaches are known, causing not only a health & safety risk to members of the public but also having a real and potential impact on the integrity of the network for Orange's customers, in addition, Orange have a need to protect the investment that such equipment requires. There have been 4 separate occasions since December 2009 where the compound fence has been breached, and each time the feeder cables which are used to connect the transmission equipment with the ground based cabinets, for both 2G and 3G technology, have been stolen from site.

The specification of the fence used, has been chosen to ensure that the required levels of security are achieved, but ensuring that such security levels are not considered excessive to the point where they have a detrimental impact on the surrounding area. The additional fencing has been painted to match the existing.