

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

PENISTONE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE – INSTALLATION OF NEW POLE FIELD

This design and access statement relates to a planning application for the provision of 45 new telegraph poles, as detailed on the enclosed proposed site plan drawing.

Use

The application relates to an existing site used as a telephone exchange and training facility by BT Plc. This proposal does not include any alterations to the size or use of the site or the building.

Amount of Development

The application relates to minor changes to the external appearance, involving the erection of 45 timber telegraph poles to the side and rear elevations of the existing telephone exchange building as indicated in the enclosed proposed site plan.

The poles are all 9 m tall with the exception of 2 no. Which are 12 m tall. The majority will be free standing, with some of the poles connected together with a wooden barge board at the top. The wooden barge board is used to replicate house end.

The density of site use will not be affected in any way.

Layout

The application relates to the installation of new telegraph poles. The layout of the site will be unaffected.

Scale

The scale of the existing site will be unaffected by this application.

Landscaping

Landscaping to the site will be unaffected other than the digging at each ground location for installation of the timber posts.

Appearance

Penistone Telephone Exchange consists of one main site and surrounding tarmacadam areas for use as a car park. The rest of the surrounding green space to the rear and side is currently not developed.

The introduction of new telegraph poles to this will make little if no impact upon the appearance of the site, as the land in question is surrounded by mature tree growth to the side and rear, to which the poles will not rise above.

Access

The proposed work will have no effect upon existing access arrangements into the site or the ability for mobility impaired staff to move around the site. The site is not open to the public.

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