

**COPY OF PRE APPLICATION CONSULTATION
LETTERS**

**STREETWORKS ON ON THE ADOPTED
GRASS VERGE ON LATHES LANE,
ATHERSLEY, BARNESLEY, S.YORKSHIRE, S71
3ED (NGR E 435094 / N 409472)**

Mr Dan Jarvis MP
House of Commons
London
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14th November 2014

OUR REF: CTIL_116789_TEF_46274_NA

Dear MP Jarvis,

**RE: PROPOSED UPGRADE TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS RADIO BASE STATION
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You may be aware that Telefonica UK Limited has entered into an agreement with Vodafone Limited pursuant to which the two companies plan to jointly operate and manage a single network grid across the UK. These arrangements will be overseen by Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL) which is a joint venture company owned by Vodafone Limited and Telefonica UK Limited.

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This letter is sent to you in the pre-planning application consultation phase of the development for a mobile phone base station site and is simply intended to keep you informed and advised of the proposed development in your area prior to any planning application being submitted. However, if you do wish to submit comments or have been contacted by your constituents in relation to this matter and wish to send us comments on their behalf, please feel free to do so via the following address:

Community Consultation & EMF Enquiries, Building 1330 – The Exchange, Arlington Business Park,
Theale, Berkshire, RG7 4SA.

Email: emf.enquiries@cornerstonemobile.net

What follows is a summary of the proposal and some further information that might be of use.

Summary of the proposal

Telefónica are in the process of upgrading their existing telecommunications radio base installation in the Laithes Lane area. The upgrade to the existing site is required to improve the 2G/3G capacity in the cell area and to enable the site to deliver 4G capability for both networks. This is in accordance with Vodafone's and Telefonica's agreement to jointly operate and manage a single network grid across the country whilst running two independent nationwide networks. This also accords with the National Planning Policy Framework which supports the expansion of the electronic communications networks, including telecommunications and high speed broadband.

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In line with Best Practice principles we have shared these details with local councillors, planning officers and schools within a 250m radius of the site.

ICNIRP Compliance

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Radio technology and health

Useful information sources on this include:

Code of Best Practice on Mobile Phone Network Development www.mobilemastinfo.com

National Planning Policy Framework www.communities.gov.uk

World Health Organisation – Electromagnetic Fields www.who.int/peh-emf/en

International Commission on Non Ionising Radiation Protection www.icnirp.de

I trust all is clear from the enclosed but if you have further questions on this or any other matter concerning this Vodafone and/or Telefónica proposal, please do not hesitate to contact us through Community Consultation & EMF Enquiries within 14 days from the date of this letter.

We look forward to receiving any comments you may have on the proposal.

Yours sincerely

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Following agreement with the two operators, the equipment will be managed by a single operator, in this instance Telefónica. This will have little impact from a planning standpoint; however, it forms an important part of the agreement between the companies. It will also provide enhanced capacity for both operators' customers in the future, which will be especially important following the launch of the operators' 4G networks in 2013.

As part of the continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for an upgrade to the existing radio base station at this location. This will enable the site to be 4G capable and improve the 2G/3G capacity within the single network grid to meet the growing demand for

high speed data access due to the growth of the smart ware market including the smartphone and tablet type devices.

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This letter therefore invites the Local Planning Authority, in accordance with planning policy guidance and Best Practice Commitments, to enter into pre-application discussions with regard to our preferred site option prior to a formal planning submission. Several steps in the site identification process have already been undertaken. The Local Planning Authority mast register and our records of other potential sites have been reviewed, the policies in the Development Plan have been taken into account and we have examined the inter-operator site sharing database.

Our technical network requirement is as follows:

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We look forward to receiving your comments on the preferred option identified above. We would also like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to meet with you to discuss the proposal, should you consider this to be beneficial.

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We would be grateful if you could advise us of any pending telecommunications applications or recent planning decisions in this particular area so these can be evaluated.

Finally, we would be interested in any local stakeholders or groups that you consider would like to know more about the proposals. For your information we will be similarly consulting the local ward Councillors within the St. Helens Ward together with the local MP D Jarvis; and the Chair of Governors and Head Teacher for the Richard Newman Primary School and the Little Champions Nursery School.

We enclose a copy of our Consultation Plan and welcome any suggestions.

We look forward to receiving your response within 14 days of the date of this letter.

Yours faithfully

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