

## APPENDIX A

Dear Town Council,

**Pre-Planning Application Consultation – CTIL PROJECT REF – 194863 – EXISTING MAST AT BARN PARK, TOR HENDRA, SALTASH, CORNWALL, PL12 4QG**

We write to you as Acquisition and Town Planning Agents working on behalf of the Arqiva.

Arqiva has a requirement for the development of new telecommunications equipment at the above location on behalf of CTIL (see below), and we are seeking, as part of the pre-application consultation process, the Ward Councillor's views with regards to this installation.

As you may be aware, **Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL)** is a joint venture company owned by Telefónica UK Limited and Vodafone Limited. The application at the above address is in relation to the installation of equipment for Vodafone Ltd and on a site which is managed by Arqiva.

Vodafone Limited are in the process of progressing a suitable site in the Saltash (West) area for a radio base station. We aim to work with you to progress a proposal that is both acceptable to your authority and meets Vodafone Limited's technical network requirements. This approach accords with Arqiva's Best Practice Commitments to ensure consultation with

Local Planning Authorities and other appropriate key stakeholders

As part of Vodafone Limited continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a radio base station at this location.

Mobiles can only work with a network of base stations in place where people want to use their mobile phones or other wireless devices. Without base stations, the mobile phones and

other devices we rely on simply won't work. The proposed development will bring new connectivity to the area west of Saltash and introduce 4G, or mobile broadband, for the first time on this network. A significant improvement in coverage and data speed would therefore be experienced by those local residents using the Vodafone network.

**Our technical network requirement is as follows:**

- Saltash (West) – Existing mast at Tor Hendra, Longlands Lane
- National Grid Reference: E200573 N080889

**Proposed Equipment:**

- Replace existing 12m monopole mast (overall height 14.5m) with 15m lattice mast
- Install 3 x CTIL panel antennas on new mast
- Relocate existing EE/H3G antennas on new mast
- Install and relocate transmission dishes on new mast
- Install 2 x communications equipment cabinets at ground level
- Install ancillary development

This letter therefore invites you as Ward Councillor, 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 policies in the Development Plan have been taken into account and we have examined the inter-operator site sharing database. Plans have been included showing the proposals.

We look forward to receiving your comments on the preferred option identified above. If you deem it to be beneficial we would also like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to meet with you to discuss the proposal and undertake a tour of the options considered. As the proposal involves using an existing mast, it is hoped it can be supported, as this will eliminate the need to install a further ground based mast of similar height in the area. Sharing existing facilities is in line with local and national planning policy as it most often represents the best environmental option.

Finally, we have rated this proposal **Green** on the industry TLR. However, despite this, we have sent you a pre-application letter and have also sent letters to Cornwall Council, Ward Councillor and the Tamar AONB team. This is mainly due to the increased importance on mobile connectivity and especially high data connectivity like the 4G being offered by this proposed redevelopment. We trust this is appropriate however, should you consider a wider

consultation necessary, please let us know.

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

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