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Date:	10th May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Removal of 1no existing 18m monopole with a wrap-around cabinet, and other 2no existing cabinets to be replaced with 1no new 19m monopole accommodating new antennas, with a wrap-around cabinet, 2no other cabinets and associated ancillary works thereto.

Land at A264 Broadbridge Heath West Sussex RH12 3NJ

I refer to your notification received in this office on 12th April 2024 concerning the above site.

I write to inform you that this Authority has no objection on the above proposal. The works can therefore be undertaken in accordance with the submitted details, together with the criteria contained within Part 16 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, as amended.

The council does however recognise the views and objections raised during this application. 4 Objections were received during the course of the notification. Permitted Development under Part 16 does allow the replacement of existing equipment under Class A.1 (d):

A.1 Development consisting of the installation, alteration or replacement of electronic communications apparatus (other than on a building) is not permitted by Class A(a) if—

…

(d) in the case of the alteration or replacement of a mast, the height of the mast, excluding any antenna, would when altered or replaced exceed the greater of the height of the existing mast or a height of—

i. 30 metres above ground level on unprotected land; or

ii. 25 metres above ground level on article 2(3) land or land which is on a highway;

As the antenna would be a replacement of existing equipment and slightly taller at 19m compared to the previous 18m, the antenna would still be below the 25m allowed next to a highway which the application site is on. The mast complies with all relevant requirements needed to be assessed and permitted under permitted development.

In addition, representations noted reference to Paragraph 121(b) of the National Planning Policy Framework (2023) which states '*Applications for electronic communications development (including applications for prior approval under the General Permitted Development Order) should be supported by the necessary evidence to justify the proposed development. This should include: for an addition to an existing mast or base station, a statement that self-certifies that the cumulative exposure, when operational, will not exceed International Commission guidelines on non-ionising radiation protection*'.

As submitted, the proposed works do not seek prior approval, and I can confirm that prior approval is not required, thus the prior notification process (as submitted) is applicable in this case. Accordingly, the provisions of the NPPF as written above are not relevant for the consideration of this notification. As the proposed works accord with the provisions of A.1(d) of Part 16 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, the Local Planning Authority raises no objection to the notification.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you however require any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact the Case Officer as detailed above.

Yours faithfully



Emma Parkes
Head of Development and Building Control