BRACEBRIDGE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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21/0966/FUL – Land Off Bath Road Recreation Ground Bath Road Bracebridge Heath Lincoln LN4 2TU

Bracebridge Heath Parish Council strongly objects to planning application 21/0966/FUL on the following grounds:

- Power to mast Further information is required regarding the electricity supply to a
 permanent mast in this location. The application at this point is incomplete as it does not
 address how an electricity supply will be provided.
- Incompatible use The recreation ground is used for a number of sporting activities (tennis, bowls, football, multiple sports within the Multi Use Games Area), it contains a play park designed for young children, and the green space is regularly used by dog walkers and families enjoying picnics. The regular maintenance of a temporary mast in this location has resulted in vehicles needing to drive over the grounds right next to the above facilities. Council does not consider that access to the mast over the recreational space is compatible with its existing uses on the grounds of disturbance and also that of safety.
- Incompatible with the draft Bracebridge Heath Neighbourhood Plan Policy 16 of the draft plan should be noted:

Access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important to the health and wellbeing of Bracebridge Heath residents. Any proposal to reduce or change the use of recreation or playing field space within Bracebridge Heath parish will be refused unless:

- the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location: or
- the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.
- Inadequate landscaping and means of enclosure the lack of means of enclosing the base station and preventing access by children and young people is problematic. Linked to the site being incompatible with the existing use as a recreation ground, it is clear from the temporary site that there are issues of safety in siting a mast in this location. The fencing has been breached since being in this location and has required further maintenance from the telecoms operator which has exacerbated the issue of disturbance.
- Pre-planning consultation WHP Telecoms initiated a pre-planning consultation in mid-June 2021. The Council responded to this asking for more information and an opportunity to hold a public meeting. This has not been carried out and no further correspondence has been sent to the Parish Council. The documents sent to the Parish Council include reference to a consultation strategy as part of the pre-planning consultation. Despite being requested, it has never been made available. Council considers that the pre-planning consultation for this proposal has been wholly inadequate particularly given the impact the proposal would have on nearby residents and users of the recreation ground. The application for planning consent was signed on 19th June 2021, just four days after the initial contact with the Parish Council. There was clearly insufficient time for WHP Telecoms to engage in a meaningful consultation with affected parties.
- Alternative sites Parish Council has also been approached by Waldon Telecom Ltd who
 are also working on behalf of EE and Three to secure a site. The pre-planning consultation
 document received by the Council indicates that the preferred site for Waldon is beside the
 Esso garage on Sleaford Road. This site had been discounted by WHP Telecoms on the

grounds that there was insufficient space for the equipment. However, it is the preferred location for Waldon Telecoms Ltd on behalf of the same operators (EE and Three). Council therefore considers that there are reasonable and more compatible alternatives to the recreation ground which should be considered first before the site on the recreation ground.

- Ownership and permissions Parish Council is the leaseholder for the recreation ground.
 Consent has not been given for this proposal and the terms of any such proposal have not been discussed.
- Inaccurate information contained within the application The structure is within 3km of an aviation operator including RAF Waddington and the Air Ambulance Helipad.

Parish Council appreciates that mobile infrastructure is essential for our communities. However, given that an alternative site has been identified by a separate contractor, Council feels that the benefits of installing replacement telecoms infrastructure can be achieved in a more suitable location nearby.

Enclosures

Annex A – Pre-planning consultation by Waldon Telecom Ltd
Annex B – Planning drawings for proposed site at Esso Rontec, Sleaford Road

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Our ref: MP/MBNL/93874

13th July 2021

Clerk
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London Road
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VIA TRACKED E-MAIL

Dear Sir/Madam,

CONSULTATION BY EE LTD AND HUTCHISON 3G LTD PROPOSED SHARED MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RADIO EQUIPMENT AT ESSO RONTEC SLEAFORD, SLEAFORD RD, BRACEBRIDGE HEATH, LINCOLN, LN4 2ND [NGR E: 498358 N: 367188]

Mobile operators EE and 3 (H3G) currently have a radio base station located in the local area which provides network coverage to your area. This site is being lost from the network for reasons beyond the operators control. The loss of an established site from the network can result in a loss of communications and data services locally and wider disruption to the network if a replacement site capable of adequately replicating coverage within that specific area is not identified and integrated into the network at the earliest opportunity.

The operators are now seeking to secure a replacement site in your local area to prevent any loss of services once the existing apparatus has been removed. Following a search of the area and consideration of various potential options, a suitable solution has been identified that can adequately replace the coverage being lost.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the proposed installation and provide you with an opportunity to comment or seek additional information prior to the submission of an application to the local authority.

<u>Proposed location</u>: Esso Rontec Sleaford, Sleaford Rd, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln, LN4 2ND [NGR E: 498358 N: 367188]

<u>Proposed development</u>: Installation of a 25m high monopole supporting 6No. antenna apertures & 2No. 300mm dishes; installation of 12No. cabinets; ancillary development thereto.

This site and design have been selected as they allow the technical requirements to be met safely, whilst keeping environmental and visual impact to a minimum. The structure has been kept to 25m in height which is the minimum needed to achieve technical requirements, and cabinets have been sited to avoid disruptions to pedestrians and road users.

We confirm that the installation has been designed to be fully compliant with the public health and safety guidelines established by the ICNIRP, the independent commission set up to provide scientific advice and guidance on the health and environmental effects of non-ionizing radiation to protect people and

the environment. These guidelines have the support of UK Government and the formal backing of the World Health Organisation. They are in place to protect all members of the public, wherever they are in relation to a base station, 24 hours a day.

We respectfully request that any comments are submitted in writing within 14 days and include site reference 93874.

Yours faithfully,

Megan Palmar Town Planner

Waldon Telecom

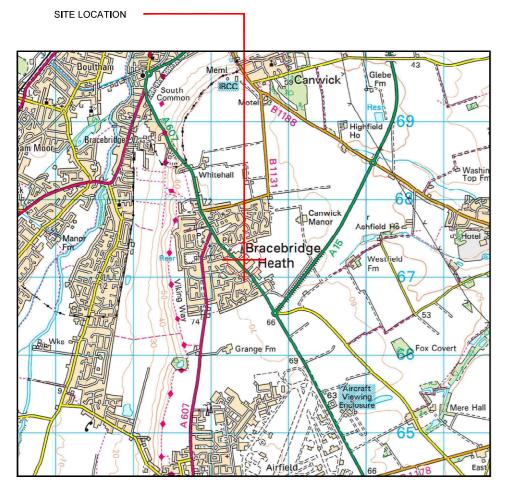
For and on behalf of Freshwave

E-mail: Megan.palmar@waldontelecom.com

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Drawings referenced: Rev A 002-265





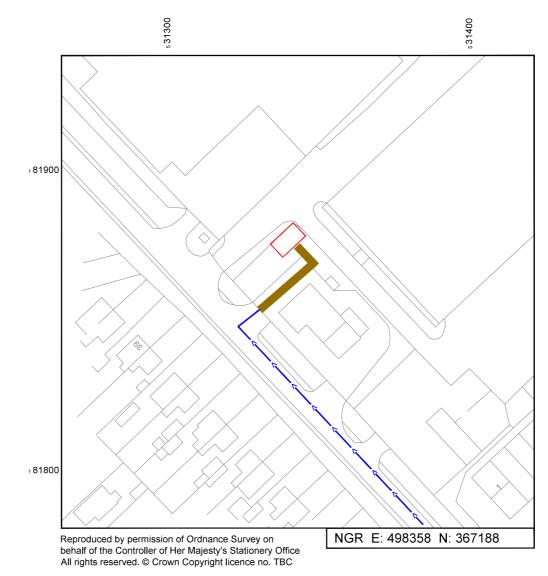
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⁰ 1:50,000 ^{1km}

SITE AREA PLAN



SITE PHOTOGRAPH



SITE LOCATION PLAN





GOOGLE MAPS QR CODE

GOOGLE MAPS - ESSO RONTEC SLEAFORD GOOGLE STREETVIEW - ESSO RONTEC SLEAFORD



1. ALL DIMENSIONS IN MM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: Follow A1 and A46 to Neward Rd./A1434 in Lincolnshire for 8.1mi Continue to Lincoln for 2.6mi
Take A607 to Sleaford Rd in Bracebridege Heath Site is on the left after 1.8mi

Site Provider's Property Boundary:

Access Route:

Access Route To Site





Hatfield Business Park Hatfield Hertfordshire AL10 9BW



Mobile Broadband Network Limited Sixth Floor, Thames Tower, Station Road, Reading, RG1 1LX



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Site Name:

SLEAFORD RD

Site ID:

1636581

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