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VIA EMAIL

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Dear Councillor Andrews

PROPOSED RADIO BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT CTIL 115286 TEF 37744 ON ROOFTOP OF ALBANY SOCIAL CLUB, 10 EARLSDON STREET, COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS, CV5 6EG NGR E: 431961 N: 278065

Telefónica 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 (Cornerstone) which is a joint venture company owned by Telefónica UK Limited and Vodafone Limited.

This agreement allows both organisations to:

- Pool their basic network infrastructure, while running two, independent, nationwide networks
- Maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- Significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development.

Cornerstone and Telefónica are in the process of progressing a suitable site in the Coventry area for a radio base station. The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before any planning submission is made. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, Cornerstone and Telefónica are committed to consultation with communities on our mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of Telefónica's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a new installation at this location to provide enhanced 2G, 3G and 4G coverage and capacity, ensuring that this area of Coventry has access to the latest technologies. This new site will also ensure that Vodafone will be able to utilise the same site and maintain and enhance their coverage in the area as well.

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.

Please find below the details of the proposed site and the alternative site options considered and discounted in our site selection process: -

Our technical network requirement is as follows:

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The site is needed to provide enhanced 2G, 3G and 4G coverage and capacity for Telefónica to ensure that its customers experience access to the latest service provision currently available. The installation will also meet the extra demands on the network in this area as new technologies improve increasing the demand for 4G technology.

A number of options have been assessed in respect of the site search process and we consider the best solution is as follows:

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The proposed works comprise the installation of 3no. remote radio heads (RRH's), 1no. GPS module and ancillary development thereto including access walkway and hopped access ladder.

The new RRHs will be fixed to telecommunications mafi roof tubes already located on this rooftop set in from the roof edge. The RRHs are small, approximately the size of a shoe box. Thus the building mass of the host property will ensure that they will not be prominent from external vantage points.

The proposed GPS module minimises signal loss and therefore optimises coverage in the surrounding target coverage area, reducing the need for an additional installation. It is very small approximately the size of a tennis ball located at the top of the chimney brickwork at high level.

The proposed access walkway and access ladder are required to meet health and safety guidelines and safe access routes.

The Local Planning Authority mast register and our records of other potential sites have already been reviewed, the policies in the Development Plan have been taken into account and the planning history of the site has been examined.

All Telefónica installations are designed to be fully compliant with the public exposure guidelines established by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). These guidelines have the support of UK Government, the European Union and they also have the formal backing of the World Health Organisation. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance will be included within the planning submission.

In order to give you time to send your comments or request further information, we commit to allow at least 14 days before an application is submitted to the Local Planning Authority. This 14 day period starts from the date at the top of this letter.

We would also be grateful if you could please advise of any local stakeholders or groups that might like to make comments. For your information pre-consultation letters and a set of plans have been sent to the other local ward councillors for Earlsdon Ward.



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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wasim Patel", is positioned above the printed name.

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