

Site: Telecommunication Mast At Colewood Reservoir, Watling Street, Cobham,
Gravesend Kent

16 December 2021

Proposal: Application for determination pursuant to Part 16 Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 as to whether prior approval is required for proposed upgrade to existing 22.0m High Lattice Tower on concrete base (Top of Tower +23.55m AGL) and associated ancillary works.

Your Reference: 20211441

National Highways' Reference: 93341 #15450

Dear Mr Price

Thank you for consulting National Highways (formerly Highways England) regarding the above application; seeking a response no later than 20 December 2021.

National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such we work to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

National Highways will be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the SRN; in this case the M2 in the vicinity of Junction 1.

Having assessed the application, we note that

- The proposed telecoms development would be located approximately 90m to 100m from the edge of the M2 carriageway
- The maximum height of any lattices/ masts will be around 22.5m (plus base) .

On this basis we are content that the proposals would not unacceptably impact on the safety, reliability and/or operational efficiency of the SRN in the event they are constructed, operated or even structurally fail and hence they comply with national planning and transport policy set out in DfT C2/13 (especially paras 8 to 11) and MHCLG NPPF2021 (especially paras 110 to 113). Therefore, we have No Objection to the Prior Approval Notification

If you or others have any questions regarding our response, please contact us at planningse@highwaysengland.co.uk.