

Application: 20250789

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 (AS AMENDED)**

DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED

To: **MBNL
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TAKE NOTICE that **GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**, the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts, has **DETERMINED THAT PRIOR APPROVAL** for the relevant matters for the development of land as described below **IS REQUIRED AND REFUSED**

at **Grass Verge
Stonebridge Road
Northfleet
Gravesend
Kent**

and being **Application for determination pursuant to Part 16 Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, as amended, as to whether prior approval is required for proposed telecommunications installation of a 20m streetworks mast.**

Your application dated 4th August 2025 is refused on the following grounds:-

1. The application has not been accompanied by evidence required under paragraph A.3 (1) and therefore fails to meet the requirement set out in paragraph A.3 (5) (c). The landowner, Kent County Council Highways, have not been consulted by the applicant and no evidence has been provided to the Local Planning Authority to confirm that they were notified of the development. As such, the application has not met the requirement set out in paragraph A.3 (5), by virtue of no evidence to satisfy paragraph A.3 (1), and therefore Prior Approval is **required and refused**.

INFORMATIVES:-

1 DRAWINGS AND DOCUMENTS

For the avoidance of doubt the decision to refuse this application was taken in relation to the following plans and documents:

Application Form - dated 24 July 2025;
Developers Notice (dated 23 July 2025);

ICNIRP Declaration (dated 02 July 2025);
Site Specific Supplementary Information (dated 24 July 2025);
Supplementary Information - Collaborating for Digital Connectivity (Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport) (07 March 2019);
Supplementary Information - MBNL 5G and Future Technology - Delivering the UK's Telecoms Future (06 December 2018);
Supplementary Information - 5G and Health by Mobile UK (May 2019);
Drawing no. 002 - Rev. A - Site Location Plan;
Drawing no. 100 - Rev. A - Existing Site Plan;
Drawing no. 150 - Rev. A - Proposed Site Plan;
Drawing no. 200 - Rev. A - Existing Elevation;
Drawing no. 250 - Rev. A - Proposed Elevation.

2 STATEMENT OF POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE APPROACH TO DECISION-MAKING

In accordance with Article 35 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), and paragraph 39 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2024, the Local Planning Authority has approached the assessment and determination of this application in a positive and creative way. In this case, the proposal is contrary to local and national planning policy, and cannot be supported.

Dated: 26 September 2025

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NOTIFICATION TO APPLICANT

APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

- If you are aggrieved by the decision of your Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- If this is a **householder application*** which has been refused and you want to appeal against your Local Planning Authority's decision then you must do so within **12 weeks of the date of this notice**.
- For all other applications, refused or permitted, if you want to appeal against your Local Planning Authority's decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.
- **Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.**
- The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
- The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the Local Planning Authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

- In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

***Householder applications**

These are:

- (a) applications for planning permission for development of an existing dwellinghouse, or development within the curtilage of such a dwellinghouse for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse, or
- (b) an application for any consent, agreement or approval required by or under a planning permission, development order or local development order in relation to such development

but does **not** include –

- (i) an application for change of use;
- (ii) an application to change the number of dwellings in a building.

PURCHASE NOTICES

If either the Local Planning Authority or the Secretary of State for the Environment refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he/she can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor can he/she render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (District Council, London Borough Council or Common Council of the City of London) in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.