

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 12/08/2024 8:33 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address: Land At Vale Road Northfleet Gravesend Kent DA11 9RE

Proposal: 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; Installation of an 18m monopole, 9 no. antenna apertures, 2 no. 300mm transmission dishes, 6 no. equipment cabinets and development ancillary thereto.

Case Officer: Ms Rebecca Harrison

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Vale Road Northfleet

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I write as a resident of Vale Road, Norfleet, expressing my deep concerns regarding the proposed installation of a 18-meter communications pole with 9 antennas, 2 300mm transmission dishes and 6 accompanying graffiti billboard cabinets on Vale Road, directly opposite our homes and adjacent to the Northfleet Urban Country Park. This installation is being proposed by MBNL on behalf of EE Limited and Hutchinson 3G (UK) for BeaconComms.

My primary objections are as follows:

Traffic and Construction Disruption: The installation process itself will cause inconvenience, noise, and potential traffic issues on Vale Road which is already a very narrow road. Given its proximity to homes, this disruption will be felt keenly by residents. More so the position is at the exit/entrance of a sharp bend by the railway bridge which would cause a danger to drivers that use the road during install and maintenance of the equipment.

Visual Impact: An 18-meter pole with 9 antennas is a significant visual intrusion, particularly in a residential area adjacent to an urban country park and right opposite our dwellings. The addition of graffiti billboard cabinets exacerbates the negative visual impact. This will undoubtedly detract from the aesthetic appeal of our neighborhood and could potentially decrease property values.

Environmental Impact: Northfleet Urban Country Park is a serene place frequented by residents for relaxation and recreation. Introducing such a large and potentially obtrusive installation in close proximity could harm the natural beauty and serenity of the park, affecting both wildlife and human visitors.

Health and Safety Concerns: With increased concerns around the potential health implications of communications towers, it is only right that these

installations are placed far from residential areas and recreational spaces. Additionally, having such structures close to homes and on the grass verge can pose potential safety risks. As the proposed installation is right opposite our property with our lounge and bedrooms windows looking on to the area this install will be detrimental to our wellbeing and will impact on our mental health significantly.

Potential for Vandalism and Crime: The inclusion of graffiti billboard cabinets is likely to attract unwanted attention, leading to potential vandalism, increased litter, and other anti-social behaviors. This will not only be an eyesore but may also make the area less safe for residents.

We kindly urge the authority to consider declining this proposal and recommend placing this installation in a less obstructive location. While we understand the importance of improving communication infrastructure, it is vital to do so in a way that respects the interests, well-being, and aesthetic value of our community.

Alternative solutions, such as exploring less obtrusive sites or using existing infrastructure, should be prioritised over introducing new and visually disruptive installations in residential and recreational areas.

I hope you will take these concerns seriously and look for solutions that accommodate the needs of both the telecom companies and the community.

Kind regards