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To: Planning Admin
Subject: 20211034 Telecommunications Mast Erskine Road Vigo

Dear Amanda

Thank you for consulting the AONB Unit on the above application.

The Kent Downs AONB Unit is currently experiencing unprecedented levels of major planning related work and is therefore unable to provide a detailed response on the application. This does not indicate that the AONB Unit considers the proposal would not impact on the statutory purposes of AONB designation and it is the responsibility of the Council to decide whether the application meets legislative and policy requirements in respect of AONBs.

The local planning authority has a legal duty to take account of the purposes of AONB designation in determining the application i.e. the conservation and enhancement of the area's natural beauty. In addition to consideration of the proposal against the local authority's development plan, account should be taken of paragraphs 176 and 177 of the NPPF and the policies and objectives of the [Kent Downs AONB Management Plan, Second Revision](#). The Management Plan is adopted by all the local authorities in Kent as their policy for the management of the AONB and for the carrying out of their functions in relation to it. The national [Planning Policy Guidance](#) confirms that AONB Management Plans can be a material consideration in determining planning applications.

The AONB Unit has no objection in principle to a mast of the scale and design proposed in this location, subject to appropriate mitigation being incorporated to help lessen impacts. We are concerned at the proposed grey colour of the equipment housing and galvanised finish to the pole itself. In view of the sensitive location within the Kent Downs AONB and to help mitigate the impacts of the proposal, we consider an olive green colour for both should be used, such as RAL 6008 Brown green. Unless this can be changed and agreed as part of the current Prior Notification application, we would request that the application be refused.

I hope this is of assistance to you. I would be happy to discuss further if this would be helpful.

Kind regards

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I work part time, Monday to Wednesday. Due to coronavirus-Covid 19 restrictions, I am currently working from home. Please contact me by email.

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