

Our ref: Cornerstone 20794921

Town Clerk – Mr D Kent
West Dean Parish Council
Forest of Dean District Council

28th May 2021

Dear Mr Kent

By Email

PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION UPGRADE AT CORNERSTONE 20794921 – LAND AT BREAM RFC, HIGH STREET, BREAM, LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, GL15 6JE (NGR: 360131E, 205747N).

Cornerstone is the UK's leading mobile infrastructure services company. We acquire, manage, and own over 20,000 sites and are committed to enabling best in class mobile connectivity for over half of all the country's mobile customers. We oversee works on behalf of telecommunications providers and wherever possible aim to:

- promote shared infrastructure
- maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development

Cornerstone have identified this site as suitable for an equipment upgrade in the Bream area for Vodafone Ltd. The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before proceeding with the works. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, Cornerstone and Vodafone Ltd are committed to consultation with communities for mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of Vodafone's network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a radio base station upgrade at this location to provide enhanced 3G and 4G coverage and capacity and new 5G capability to the area. The required development and the proposed design solution is considered to be the least visually intrusive on the existing mast or the area.

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:

- **CORNERSTONE 20794921; VODAFONE; LAND AT BREAM RFC**
- The site is an existing telecoms site and the new antennas are a similar size to the existing. The additional equipment will enable the site to provide improved coverage to the area for Vodafone whilst having no discernible impact on the appearance of the existing mast or the area.

In the first instance, all correspondence should be directed to the agent.

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- The proposed development is to provide enhanced 3G and 4G coverage and capacity and new 5G capability to the area. The required development and the proposed design solution is considered to be the least visually intrusive on the existing mast or the area.

A number of options have been assessed in respect of the site search process and the preferred Vodafone option is as follows:

- **LAND AT BREAM RFC, HIGH STREET, BREAM, LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, GL15 6JE (NGR: 360131E, 205747N).**

The proposal includes:

- Removal of existing 3No. antennas, 1No. equipment cabinet and ancillary equipment;
- The installation of 6No. replacement antennas on existing headframe, 1No. equipment cabinet, 1No. ERS rack on existing concrete base and ancillary equipment thereto.

Alternative site options considered and rejected are as follows:

- As we are proposing to upgrade an existing site, no alternative sites have been considered.

The Local Planning Authority mast register, where available, 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 Cornerstone 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.

We look forward to receiving any comments you may have on the proposal within 14 days of the date of this letter.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me (quoting cell number **Cornerstone 20794921**)

Yours sincerely



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