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Hemington, Luddington and Thurning Parish Council
c/o Clerk

Sent via email: richard@allinsons.uk

11 December 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed telecommunications base station at:

Cell Ref: **CS30014700 VMO2087555**
Address: **Land at Longbrook Farm, Thurning, Peterborough, PE8 5RG**
NGR: **509394, 282260**

Cornerstone is the UK's leading mobile infrastructure services company, acquiring, managing and owning over 20,000 sites and they are committed to enabling best in class mobile connectivity for over half of all the country's mobile customers. Cornerstone 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 is in the process of progressing a suitable telecommunications site in the following area:

- Rural area around Great Gidding

As part of a continued network improvement program, the deployment of new telecommunications infrastructure in this area will address the following technical requirement:

- To maintain and improve multigenerational network services for Virgin Media O2 (VMO2)

The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on the proposed development outlined below before any planning submission is made. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, Cornerstone and the operators are committed to consultation with communities on their mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

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.

Best Practice guidance and National Planning Policy suggest a preference for the use of existing sites and the upgrade of established infrastructure that has been put in place for preceding generations of mobile networks. However, this is not always an available option and so often a new base station development is required, as is the case in this

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instance. To ensure that the proposed site and development represent the best available coverage solution, the operator has first sought to:

- Take account of all relevant Development Plan policies;
- Review the Local Planning Authority mast register;
- Consider if there are existing base station sites available for use in the locale; and
- Evaluate the planning history of the site in question

A number of alternative site options have been considered and details are provided in the attached discounted site information. Should any party wish to make any further alternative site suggestions, these will be gratefully received and investigated.

The proposed development at the subject site is as follows:

- 30m lattice mast (galvanised steel – Grey)
- 3No. antennas
- 3No. dishes (1No. 600mm; 2No. 300mm) (RAL7035 Grey)
- 3No. cabinets/racks (1No. 725x850x2100mm; 1No. 750x600x2000mm; 1No. 655x264x1015mm) (RAL7035 Grey)
- All ancillary development

A prior approval consent will be required for the proposed works and the intent is that an application will follow, subject to any feedback that may be received as part of the wider consultation exercise.

It is considered that the proposed site and design strike the best available balance between all operational and planning considerations. A set of planning drawings has been attached for your consideration. All elements of this proposal have been limited in terms of size and amount to ensure the delivery of public benefit via the mobile services it will provide, i.e.: maintained, improved and uptodate mobile communications services.

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. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance will be included within any planning submission that may follow.

Please note that we have contacted the following parties as part of this consultation exercise:

- Local Planning Authority
- Ward Councillors
- Parish Councils
- MP

We would, however, welcome your suggestions on any other parties that have not yet been consulted but who may be interested in learning more about this development proposal.

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In order to give you time to send your comments or request further information, we commit to allow at least 14-days before an application is submitted to the Local Planning Authority. This period starts from the date at the top of this letter.

Thanks in advance for any feedback you may be able to provide on the information provided above and/or in the attached documentation. Should you have any queries regarding any aspect of this consultation, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned quoting the subject cell reference.

Yours faithfully

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For and on behalf of Cornerstone