

Officer Recommendation Report

Site address: Land adj 659 Loughborough Road, Birstall, Leicestershire, LE4 4NL

Proposal: Prior approval for the siting and appearance of installation of electronic communications (Under Class A of Part 16 of the GPDO) for the installation of 20m telecoms pole with wrap around cabinet at the base and 4x equipment cabinets.

App No:

P/20/0913/2

Officer: JNJ

Date of Site Visit:

03/07/2020

Date of report

23/07/2020

Date authorised: 27/07/2020

By LM

Short description of proposal/site.

This is a notification of intent for a new telecommunications installation on the western side of Loughborough Road just north of its junction with Greengate Lane. The proposal involves the installation of the following:

- 1 no. 20m high galvanised steel pole
- 1 no. APM5930 cabinet (1900mm (D) x 600mm (W) x 1752mm (H) dimensions)
- 1 no BOWLER cabinet (600mm (D) x 600mm (W) x 1200mm (H) dimensions)
- 1 no wrap around cabinet (1800mm (D) x 700mm (W) 1560mm (H) dimensions)
- 1 no. BATSMAN cabinet (600mm (D) x 500mm (W) x 1585mm (H) dimensions)

List of relevant Development Plan policies:

The application is to be determined in accordance with the provision of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015 (as amended).

Material planning considerations:

None

Relevant Planning History

Reference	Description	Decision & Date
P/20/0579/2	Installation of 1 No. 20m street works pole, 1 No. equipment cabinet, 1 No meter cabinet and associated ancillary development	Prior approval required and granted 21/05/20

Comments received from Consultees

Parish Council – no comment

Comments received from Neighbours

None

Any non planning matters that have been raised.

None

Any non material planning matters that have been raised.

None

Consideration and Recommendation:

Whether the works are permitted development

Part 16 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended) permits development by or on behalf of an electronic communications code operator subject to a number of provisions, under Class A (a), (b) or (c). Accordingly the proposed telecommunications development must be assessed as to whether it falls under any of these classes. The proposed development falls within the criteria in Class A and meets the criteria within A.1. It therefore constitutes permitted development, subject to the conditions set out at A.2. Condition 3 states that, in the case of a new mast, prior approval of siting and appearance must be sought. This application gives those details and the LPA must determine whether those details given are acceptable.

Whether the siting and appearance are acceptable

In terms of assessing the siting and appearance of the new mast, it is considered that its location adjacent to the busy A6 and close to lampposts and other street furniture, as well as being within 15m of another mast, would not be detrimental to the appearance of the street scene. The proposal would be located on a grass verge within the public highway, and would not impede the use of the adjacent footway/cycleway. The associated cabinets would be partially screened from Loughborough Road by existing vegetation, with the whole installation would have a backdrop of large mature trees. The site is adjacent to the boundary with one building, however as this is medical centre and not a domestic dwelling it is not considered there would be any undue impact on any residential properties.

Conclusion

It is concluded that prior approval should be granted.

Recommendation:

Prior approval is required and granted.