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Our Ref : 26/01650/EC

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Date: 16 July 2026

Dear Sir / Madam,

Installation of 20m pole supporting 9no. antennas and two equipment cabinets following removal of existing 12.50m pole, 3no. antennas and equipment cabinet and ancillary development thereto.

Land At Blackhorse Road And, Ashfield Drive, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 1GP

Please quote the following reference: 26/01650/EC on all correspondence.

I refer to your covering letter received on 29 June 2026 giving formal notification in advance of the above work, in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003 (as amended), as required by the Communications Act 2003.

Due to the proximity of the proposed development to the junction, the proposal was checked against the visibility splay guidance for a 30mph road. The proposed works appear to interfere with the visibility splay. Therefore, I consider the proposed works fail 3(6) of Section 3 Permitted Development of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended which states:

(6) The permission granted by Schedule 2 does not, except in relation to development permitted by Classes A, B, D and E of Part 9 and Class A of Part 18 of that Schedule, authorise any development which requires or involves the formation, laying out or material widening of a means of access to an existing highway which is a trunk road or classified road, or creates an obstruction to the view of persons using any highway used by vehicular traffic, so as to be likely to cause danger to such persons.

As the proposed development would create an obstruction to the view of persons using a highway used by vehicular traffic, so as to be likely to cause danger to such persons, it is considered that the proposed electronic communications apparatus would not be regarded as permitted development under Section 3. Permitted Development of the GDPO 2015 as amended.

If you wish for a formal determination of this, then I advise you to apply for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposal.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Greaves', written in a cursive style.

Shaun Greaves
Development and Conservation Manager

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