

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Henry Thomas.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/02249/EC

Swap 3 no. antennas on existing EE Tower, 3 no. MHA to be removed and replace with 6 no. RRU's and 3 no. BOBS, swap 1 no. cabinet at ground level and add 1 no. GPS node.

Telecommunications Mast
Weston Hills Reservoir
Hatch Lane
Weston
Hertfordshire

Submitted Plan Nos

X20 Plans

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

- 2.1 22/02908/EC - Replace existing antenna, support poles and cables.
- 2.2 22/02853/EC - Replace 3 number antennas with 3 new antennas at height of 24m. Installation of 1 no. SAMO equipment cabinet, feeder cables, cable tray and ancillary development therto.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The application site consists of an existing mast and associated cabins within a fenced off area. The site is on the north-west side of Hatch Lane, adjacent to Weston Hills Reservoir. The site is set back from the road and is within a wooded area providing some screening from the highway.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 The application proposes:

- Replacement of 3 antennas on existing mast.
- Installation of 3 RRHs on existing mast.
- Removal of 3 MHA on existing mast.
- Installation of 6 RRUs on existing mast.
- Installation of EE GPS mode to gantry support pole
- Internal upgrades to existing equipment cabin (replacement of cabinet).

- 4.2.2 The application gives the Local Planning Authority formal notification in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003 as amended.

4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issues in this case are whether the proposed works would constitute permitted development in line with the relevant section in the General Permitted Development Order (GDPO) 2015 as amended.
- 4.3.2 I refer to the notice and submitted plans, received on 7th October 2024, sent in accordance with Regulations 5 of the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003 as amended.
- 4.3.3 I confirm that the Local Planning Authority has no objection to the siting and appearance of this proposal and that there are no conditions the Local Authority would wish to impose.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 It is the responsibility of the operator to ensure that works are permitted development by virtue of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, Schedule 2, Part 16, Class A (as amended). If the operator wishes for a formal determination of this, then it is advised they apply to the Local Planning Authority for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposal.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No Objection.

Signed  Sam Dicocco Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 31 October 2024	