

Our ref: **16912**25th April 2025

The Chief Planning Officer
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By Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION FOR A MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION UPGRADE AT 16912, LAND AT LP HAWTHORNE AVENUE, OPPOSITE 53 HAWTHORNE CLOSE, HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE, SG5 2BP (NGR: E517896, N228607)

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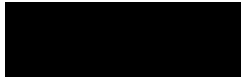
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Finally, we would be interested in any local stakeholders or groups that you consider would like to know more about our proposals and look forward to receiving your comments on the preferred option identified above.

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Yours faithfully,



Rachel Gormley

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Hitchin Priory Ward Councillors

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Our Ref : 25/01129/PRETD

Contact : Vicki Wood
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Email : vicki.wood@north-herts.gov.uk
Date: 29 April 2025

Dear Sir / Madam,

Pre-Application Telecommunications : The proposed upgrade of and existing telecommunications base station installation comprising the removal of the 3no existing antennas on the streetlight (to remain) and replacement with 20m monopole supporting 9no antennas, with wraparound cabinet at the base, together with the removal of 2no existing equipment cabinets and replacement with 3 no new cabinets, and ancillary development thereto.

Telecommunications Mast Hrt7007, Hawthorn Close, Hitchin, Hertfordshire,

Please quote the following reference: 25/01129/PRETD on all correspondence.

Your application, as described above and received on 28 April 2028 has now been checked and is valid. It will now be assessed and the name of the Case Officer to contact if you have any queries is given above.

The decision will be made either by the Council's Planning Committee, or by myself acting under delegated powers. The latter procedure generally results in quicker decisions and is adopted in the case of more straightforward applications. These include almost all proposals for householder development. However, if they believe there are special circumstances, individual Councillors may request that a particular application is determined instead by elected members of the Planning Committee. In the event of the application having to be reported to the Planning Committee there is an opportunity for persons to speak for or against the proposal at the meeting. (If you require further information, please telephone 01462 474206).

Should you wish to contact the Councillor(s) in whose ward the application site is situated you will find their name(s) at the end of this letter.

I would emphasise, though, that the Councillor(s) will not be in a position to express a view either for or against the proposal until such time as they are in possession of all the relevant information to make a decision; this will be following full consideration of the issues at the Committee meeting. To do otherwise may mean that the Councillor can take no part in the decision-making process. They must decide the matter on planning grounds only and in the interests of the whole community not just the ward.

If, by 23 June 2028 I have been unable to issue a decision, you are entitled to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, at <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on telephone no.: 0303 444 5000.

Hitchin Priory Ward

Councillor Keith Hoskins MBE

Councillor Chris Lucas

Yours faithfully



Shaun Greaves
Development and Conservation Manager

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Rachel Gormley

From: Rachel Gormley
Sent: 08 May 2025 12:07
To: 'Alistair Strathern MP'
Subject: RE: PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION FOR A MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION UPGRADE AT 16912, LAND AT LP HAWTHORNE AVENUE, OPPOSITE 53 HAWTHORNE CLOSE, HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE, SG5 2BP (NGR: E517896, N228607) (Case Ref: AS10804)
Attachments: KTL Planning Consultation Letter to MP.pdf; 16912 Planning Drawings Rev A.pdf

Dear Romy,

Many thanks for your email, please accept my apologies for the delay in response.

The email was a consultation for the proposed upgrade to the mobile base station installation for EE & H3G to install new 5G service provision, the prior approval application will be submitted to the Local Planning Authority shortly.

Full details are including in the attached set of drawings - the proposed upgrade comprises the removal of the 3no existing antennas on the streetlight (to remain) and replacement with 20m monopole supporting 9no antennas, with wraparound cabinet at the base, together with the removal of 2no existing equipment cabinets and replacement with 3 no new cabinets, and ancillary development thereto at Hawthorne Close, Hitchin, SG5 2BP.

We would be grateful for any comments you have to make.

Kind regards,
Rachel

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From: Alistair Strathern MP <alistair.strathern.mp@parliament.uk>

Sent: 29 April 2025 15:54

To: Rachel Gormley <rgormley@perrywilliams.co.uk>

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Dear Rachel

I hope this email finds you well.

My name is Romy and I am a caseworker for Alistair. Could you provide further background information on this matter as I am not yet familiar with the case. It would be greatly appreciated – thank you.

Best wishes

Romy on behalf of
Alistair Strathern
Member of Parliament for Hitchin
Standing up for our towns and villages

From: Rachel Gormley
Sent: 26 April 2025 08:16
To: STRATHERN, Alistair
Subject: PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION FOR A MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION UPGRADE AT 16912, LAND AT LP HAWTHORNE AVENUE, OPPOSITE 53 HAWTHORNE CLOSE, HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE, SG5 2BP (NGR: E517896, N228607)

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From: Rachel Gormley
Sent: 08 May 2025 12:27
To: Cllr Keith Hoskins; Cllr Chris Lucas
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Dear Keith,

Many thanks for your email, apologies for the delay in response.

Once the prior approval application has been submitted the Council which will happen shortly, a site notice will be erected on/near the site and the nearby neighbours will be consulted by the LPA so they can submit any comments they wish to make.

Kind regards,
Rachel

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From: Cllr Keith Hoskins <keith.hoskins@north-herts.gov.uk>
Sent: 02 May 2025 12:09
To: Rachel Gormley <rgormley@perrywilliams.co.uk>; Cllr Chris Lucas <Chris.Lucas@north-herts.gov.uk>
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Thanks Rachel.

Presumably local residents in the immediate vicinity will be notified?

Keith

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Sent: 26 April 2025 08:16
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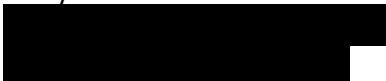
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