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Our Ref: CTIL 10801821

Ms Samantha Weatherill  
Parish Clerk  
Hadlow Down Parish Council

**By email:** clerk@hadlowdown.org

Tuesday 04 May 2021

Dear Ms Weatherill,

**PROPOSED UPGRADE TO BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT CTIL 10801821 / TEF 2419  
POPESWOOD RESERVOIR, BUXTED, EAST SUSSEX, TN22 4QA (NGR: E551150, N123200)**

Cornerstone and Telefónica have identified the existing site at Popeswood Reservoir as suitable for a minor equipment upgrade in order to improve the network coverage locally. The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before proceeding with the works. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, Cornerstone and Telefónica are committed to consultation with communities for mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of Telefónica's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for an upgrade to the radio base station at this location to provide new 4G and 5G technologies.

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.

Please find below the details of the proposed site and the alternative site options considered and discounted in our site selection process: -

Our technical network requirement is as follows:

- CTIL 10801821 / TEF 2419 Popeswood Reservoir
- The proposed upgrade is site specific and necessary to enhance current coverage. 2G and 3G technologies will remain unchanged with additional technologies being added to enhance 4G coverage and provide new 5G coverage.

The proposal is for a site-specific upgrade to benefit the surrounding area. The coverage needs could not be met without this upgrade, other than with a new site

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elsewhere in the area. The upgrade scheme put forth is considered the best solution, negating the need for a second site in the vicinity:

- CTIL 10801821 / TEF 2419 Popeswood Reservoir, Buxted, East Sussex, TN22 4QA (NGR: E551150, N123200).

- The proposal is to remove 3No. existing antennas and replace with 3No. new antennas on the existing tower (antenna top height remains unchanged). Together with the installation of 1No. GPS module and 9No. Remote Radio Heads (RRHs) on the tower and internal works within the equipment cabin. The use of this existing site is preferential as the majority of the equipment can be reutilised, that which is upgraded will have minimal visual changes and removes the need for a wholly new installation in the surrounding area.

The Local Planning Authority must register and our records of other potential sites have already been reviewed, the policies in the Development Plan have been taken into account and the planning history of the site has been examined.

All Telefónica 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.

We look forward to receiving any comments you may have on the proposal within 14 days of the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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(for and on behalf of Cornerstone and Telefónica UK Ltd)

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