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BY EMAIL & POST

Our Ref : NGW/Southwell ATE

Dear Mrs Platt & Chair of Governors,

Re : **Proposed change to the type of 15m monopole approved in April 2007 and the additional installation thereon of 3No. 2G/3G antennas for T-Mobile, together with equipment cabinets and REC meter cabinet within an extended fenced compound at Southwell Telephone Exchange, Ropewalk, Southwell, Notts. NG25 0AL.**
PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION.

We are instructed as Town Planning consultants for National Grid Wireless and we write in connection with proposals by T-Mobile UK Ltd, to share the existing telecommunications facility owned or controlled by National Grid Wireless [NGW] at the above site.

National Grid Wireless [NGW] builds, owns and operates shared radio telecommunications and public broadcast infrastructure. The company owns and operates the BBC's transmitter network, as well as large numbers of mobile phone and other radio transmission sites. NGW also has an agreement with BT to locate radio telecommunications equipment at a number of BT telephone exchange buildings, subject to normal planning procedures and strict health and safety regulations.

Nearly everyone in the UK now has a mobile phone and whether as private individuals or as business users, customers demand and expect ever-increasing quality, capacity and depth of coverage from their mobile. . Under the terms of their licences from Government the five UK mobile phone operators are committed to meeting that demand.

To improve its services locally, T-Mobile has approached NGW to locate mobile telecommunications equipment at the Southwell Telephone Exchange. NGW is committed to keeping local communities informed of its plans and this letter includes details about the proposal and provides contact details should you wish to make further inquiries.

This location has been selected by T-Mobile because this is a long established telecommunications facility within the locality and the sharing of existing sites and structures, as here, is encouraged. You will recall our previous consultation in November 2006 regarding the erection of a 15m monopole and installation of antennas for O2. That scheme was granted Prior Approval by Newark & Sherwood District Council but for T-Mobile to share the site, the previous pole type needs to be modified.

The current proposal is therefore to install a modified 15m monopole capable of sharing and to install the 3No. antennas for T-Mobile at a mean height of 9.4m, beneath the approved O2 antennas and the relocated BT dish. Additionally, the approved compound will be further extended to accommodate equipment and meter cabinets for T-Mobile.

These proposals are illustrated on the enclosed drawings, **Nos. 23121 Location Plan; 23121_02_100_M04_04; & 23121_02_150_M04_04.**

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to comment on this proposal and, if you wish, to seek and pass on the views of colleagues and parents, so that all views can, if practicable, be taken into account prior to the making of any application to the planning authority.

To allow this to happen NGW intends not to make any application on this site until 19th June 2007 at the earliest, which makes allowances for the fact that your school is currently on holiday and will not return until 4th June. Once any application is made, further consultation may be carried out by the planning authority under the planning process that applies.

I enclose some information sheets on the subject of radio safety and would be pleased to provide further information on request. The sheets also provide reference details for independent authoritative sources including the web sites of the Health Protection Agency and OFCOM.

We would be grateful if you could consider this letter and the accompanying information about the proposals and let us have any response before 19th June 2007.

Should you require any additional information in respect of the above proposals then please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the address / numbers given above.

Yours sincerely

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Encl : Drawings
Radio Safety Sheets