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Dear Mrs Curley

Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2015 &
T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
ALTON TOWERS, FARLEY LANE, FARLEY, ST10 4BZ
Application No SMD/2016/0248 & SMD/2016/0247

Thank you for your letter of 21 April 2016 notifying us of the applications for listed building consent and planning permission relating to the above site. We do not wish to comment in detail, but offer the following general observations.

Historic England Advice
As you are aware the Flag Tower is listed, Grade II. Such telecommunication equipment is less than ideal, and we would prefer that it was not located on such a prominent structure.

However, having considered the submitted information we are of the view that the proposed dish antenna is unlikely to cause significant additional visual harm. Given the transient nature of such equipment, we would obviously recommend that any consent be conditioned to ensure that it is removed from the tower as soon as it becomes redundant.

Recommendation
We urge you to address the above issues, and recommend that this application be determined in accordance with national and local policy guidance, and on the basis of your expert conservation advice. It is not necessary for us to be consulted again. If you feel you need further advice, please let us know why.

Please re-consult us if there are material changes to the proposals beyond those necessary to address the issues we have raised. We will then consider whether such changes might lead us to object. If they do, and if your authority is minded to grant consent, you should notify the Secretary of State of this application in accordance with the above Direction.

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Yours sincerely



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