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Via Planning Portal (PP-05710991)

Dear Sir

Submission of an Application for a Prior Approval Determination

PROPOSED MINOR UPGRADE TO EXISTING ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS BASE STATION AT LEEK AUTOMATED TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, ST EDWARDS STREET, LEEK, ST13 5DQ
NGR – 398300, 356490

On behalf of Everything Everywhere and Hutchison 3G UK, c/o Arqiva, we make this application for a determination as to whether prior approval on detailed siting and appearance is required for the installation of electronic communications apparatus at the above site. This application follows the completion of our pre-application consultation exercise, reflecting so far as is practicable the guidance and comments offered.

The application is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Part 16 of Schedule to the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (No.2) Order 2016 and seeks a determination as to whether the Authority's approval will be required for the siting and appearance of the development.

This application comprises:

- Written description of development - the installation of 1 no. small link a/c power cabinet at rooftop level and ancillary development thereto.
- At: Leek ATE, St Edwards Street, Leek, Staffordshire, ST13 5DQ.

We accordingly enclose the following:

- An OS Site Location Plan of scale 1:2,500 and numbered 168001-00-004-ML001 showing the location where the apparatus will be installed.

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- Copy Developer's Notice served on the land owner.
- A supplementary information template as set out in the Code of Best Practice.
- The application fee has been paid electronically as part of the Planning Portal process.

The following information is also provided to assist with your determination of the application:

a. The Authority's 1APP form for telecommunications prior approval applications.
b. Drawing reference numbers – 168001-02-110-MD005 rev 5 (site plan) and 168001-02-160-MD005 rev 5 (elevation).
c. Confirmation as to whether the developer has had to notify the MOD or CAA or aerodrome operator.
d. The Evolving Benefits of Mobile Connectivity.

As this application is only in respect of a new power cabinet, there will be no impact on existing ICNIRP levels. Nonetheless as with all of Arqiva's broadcast and mobile installations, we can confirm the installation of the cabinet has been designed and will be operated within the relevant ICNIRP guidelines on public exposure.

The operators have an existing installation at this electronic communications site and as you will see from the drawings have a requirement to carry out some minor modifications through the installation of 1 no. link a/c power cabinet of 600mm x 500mm x 1230mm (h). As a consequence, this particular technical requirement is not one that can be met on an alternative site basis.

This application has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Best Practice on Mobile Phone Development (July 2013). Furthermore this application is identified as the most suitable option that balances operational need with local planning policies and national planning guidance.

Design and Access Statement

Although not an application for planning permission, we provide nonetheless a design and access statement. The design of the apparatus has been guided by the technical and operational requirements of the operator's system having proper regard to minimise appearance. The additional apparatus proposed should not materially affect the overall appearance of the existing site to any noticeable or adverse degree from any public vantage points.

The new apparatus required will not bring about any additional requirements with regard to access. Access to this operational site will therefore remain the same as the current arrangements.

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In accordance with all relevant health and safety regulations and guidelines, access to the site is restricted to authorised personnel and access for maintaining or servicing all the apparatus can only be carried out by properly trained and qualified staff. Such routine operations will continue to be carried out roughly once a quarter, with no requirement to increase this arising out of the development proposed. The application does not therefore give rise to any public issues associated with access.

As the apparatus proposed will lead to improvements to a public service provided in the local area, the application merits support and accords in all respects with national and local planning policy.

If for any reason you wish to meet to discuss the merits of the application or need assistance with any visits of the site and surrounding area, please let us know.

Please also take this application and the details contained within it as **due notification under the relevant condition of the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003.** In particular, you are given notice of the operator's intention to install the electronic communications apparatus that is described in more detail in the application documentation (including the scale drawings) and to be located as shown on the application plans. As you may know, these general conditions replace those in the operator's licence that was withdrawn by virtue of the Communications Act 2003.

Finally your attention is drawn to the 56 day statutory time period associated with an application of this nature upon which detailed advice is given at paragraph 93 onwards of the ODPM Code of Best Practice.

We trust everything is in order, but if you do require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our Jonathan Haddrell.

Yours faithfully



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For and On Behalf of
ARQIVA LTD

Enc. as listed above