

DET/2021/0021 – public comments – Mr Mather

15th June 2021

Mr Swithenbank

Thank you for the reply. To confirm your request, I have no issue or objection to my communications with yourself (past, present or future) being placed on the public representation for this planning application, provided my contact details (Phone number and emails addresses) are removed first and future permission is not withdrawn.

I agree and understand that no decision or appeal exists on this application and the one mentioned by the applicant has been added to colour the water. I believe that the appicate is trying to imply that the appeal reference and subsequent comment for an unconnected application, have in some way confirmed the validity of this application (DET/2021/0021). I also believe this to be at the very least a deliberate action to knowingly provide incorrect information on a planning application.

I have at the moment not had time to fully review the GPDO legislation.

If however, we were to consider GPDO Part 16, A.(a) [Quote]:

“A. Development by or on behalf of an electronic communications code operator for the purpose of the operator’s electronic communications network in, on, over or under land controlled by that operator or in accordance with the electronic communications code, consisting of—

(a)the installation, alteration or replacement of any electronic communications apparatus,”

This would imply the development would consist of ALL apparatus being installed and therefore the planning application is incomplete, having excluded the three additional cabinets and therefore the application is Invalid. As indicated above the whole development now falls within the “Development Not Permitted” category, being in part consisting of an 18m mast. (>15m).

If we consider Article 2(3) land, I believe that the applicant has deliberately placed the proposed site at the edge of the Conservation area (Article 2(3) land), and so this may be legal, but morally wrong to spoil the historic village visual amenities and the visual approach to the conservation area.

On another note I believe DEFRA class most of the Alton village as a National Historic Landscape – Settlement.

Regards

John Mather