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Via Planning Portal (PP-12242279)

Dear Sir or Madam

NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION (EAST MIDLANDS) PLC AND NATIONAL GRID TELECOMS LIMITED
NGR: - 404692, 350132

PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT – PRIOR APPROVAL APPLICATION

On behalf of National Grid Electricity Distribution and its electronic communications subsidiary, National Grid Telecoms, 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 is made under Part 16 of Schedule 2 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as amended, 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 pre-fabricated equipment building, emergency 'black start' generator, electricity meter cabinet and ancillary development thereto.
- At: Ipstones Edge Radio Station, Edge Road, Ipstones, nr Leek, Staffs, ST13 7QS (nearest postcode).

We accordingly enclose the following:

- Drawing nos. P1628-092-GA-101 rev A (location plan), P1628-092-GA-102 rev A (existing site plan), P1628-092-GA-103 rev A (proposed site plan) and P1628-092-104 rev A (existing and proposed elevations).
- The prescribed fee paid electronically via Planning Portal.
- Copy of developer's notice together with proof of delivery.

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- As the proposed development is in respect of equipment housing for a landline fibre communications station, as opposed to radio communications relay station, a certificate of ICNIRP compliance is not necessary as there are no radio emissions from the site.
- Copy of electronic submission of prior notification: development by telecoms operators to Cornwall Council via Planning Portal (ref PP-12242279).
- Confirmation as to whether the developer has had to notify the MOD or CAA or aerodrome operator.

This application has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Best Practice on Mobile Phone Development (November 2016). 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 will 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 whereby engineers park within the radio site's compound area.

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 proposed equipment building will house controlling electronic apparatus designed to protect, enhance and secure the distribution of electricity throughout the National Grid Electricity Distribution network, this 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.

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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

NEEDHAM HADDRELL
For and On Behalf of
NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION (EAST MIDLANDS) PLC AND NATIONAL GRID TELECOMS LTD

Enc. as listed above