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5 December 2022

Dear Madison,

REFERENCE NO: S.22/2411/TEL

DESCRIPTION: Installation of 5G telecoms: H3G 20m street pole and additional equipment cabinets

LOCATION: Telecommunications Apparatus, Alder Way, Chalford, Stroud

The above planning application, which is for a development that would be located within the Cotswolds National Landscape¹, has been brought to the attention of the Cotswolds Conservation Board.

In reaching its planning decision, the local planning authority (LPA) has a statutory duty to have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the National Landscape.² The Board recommends that, in fulfilling this 'duty of regard', the LPA should: (i) ensure that planning decisions are consistent with relevant national and local planning policy and guidance; and (ii) take into account the following Board publications³:

- Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan 2018-2023 ([link](#)), in particular Policy CE1;
- Cotswolds AONB Landscape Character Assessment ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to Landscape Character Types (LCT) 7 (High Wold) which the site lies within and 5 (Settled Valley), 8 (High Wold Valley) and 9 (High Wold Dip Slope) from which the proposed mast may potentially be visible;
- Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to LCT 7 ([link](#)) including Section 7.9, LCT 5 ([link](#)) including Section 5.5, LCT 8 ([link](#)) including Section 8.5 and LCT 9 ([link](#)), including Section 9.10;
- Cotswolds AONB Local Distinctiveness and Landscape Change ([link](#)); and
- Cotswolds Conservation Board Position Statements ([link](#)), particularly in this instance with regards to the Telecommunications and the Rural Economy Position Statement ([link](#)).

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The Cotswolds National Landscape is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), managed and looked after by the Cotswolds Conservation Board.

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Consideration should also be given to the requirements of the 'Code of Best Practice on Mobile Network Development in England' ([link](#)). Paragraphs 47 to 52 refer to protected landscapes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Joyce', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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NOTES:

- 1) Cotswolds National Landscape is the new name for the Cotswolds Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The new name takes forward one of the proposals of the Government-commissioned 'Landscapes Review' to rename AONBs as 'National Landscapes'. This change reflects the national importance of AONBs and the fact that they are safeguarded, in the national interest, for nature, people, business and culture.
- 2) Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/37/section/85
- 3) The documents referred to in our response can be located on the Cotswolds National Landscape website under the following sections
 - a. Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan 2018-2023
www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/management-plan
 - b. Cotswolds AONB Landscape Character Assessment
www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/lca
 - c. Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines
www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/lsg
 - d. Cotswolds AONB Local Distinctiveness and Landscape Change
www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ldlc
 - e. Cotswolds Conservation Board Position Statements
www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ps1
www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ps2