

Our Ref: 10481_78306_44484

Murrayfield Community Council
c/o Community Council Liaison & Development Officer
Services for Communities
Waverley Court
Level C:4
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Edinburgh
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22/07/2010

Dear Sir / Madam,

PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT CELL NO: 10481_78306_44484 - FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO BALGREEN ROAD, SAUGHTONHALL, EDINBURGH

Telefónica O2 UK Limited has entered into a network sharing agreement with Vodafone Limited pursuant to which the two companies plan to share network equipment on a number of sites across the UK. A joint project team has been created, called Cornerstone and comprising Vodafone and O2 employees, to oversee these arrangements.

This agreement allows both organisations to:

- consolidate the number of base stations required through sharing, which is in accordance with Government Policy, and therefore
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development.

Vodafone and O2 are in the process of identifying a suitable site in the Saughtonhall area for a radio base station. The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before any planning submission is made. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, Vodafone and O2 are committed to consultation with communities on our mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of Vodafone's and O2's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a radio base station at this location to provide 3G coverage in the area.

Mobiles can only work with a network of base stations in place where people want to use their mobile phones or other wireless devices. Without base stations, the mobile phones and other devices we rely on simply won't work.

Please find below the details of the proposed site and the alternative site options considered and discounted in our site selection process: -

Our technical network requirement is as follows:

- Cell Site Ref: 10481_78306_44484
- The site is required to provide Vodafone and O2 3G coverage to the Saughtonhall area of Edinburgh

A number of options have been assessed in respect of the site search process and we consider the best solution is as follows:

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5. Rooftop of Scotmid Shop, corner of Balgreen Road and Saughtonhall Drive (NGR: 321915/672519)
 - Due to the low height of the building, a rooftop installation will fail to provide coverage and address the present coverage deficit.
6. Rooftop of commercial properties at corner of Saughtonhall Drive / Saughtonhall Avenue (NGR: 321941/672689)
 - Due to the low height of the building, a rooftop installation will fail to provide coverage and address the present coverage deficit. The property also has a pitched roof therefore any development would require significant structural alterations and support work.
7. Rooftop of Murrayfield / Saughtonhall Community building, Saughtonhall Avenue (NGR: 322079/672749)
 - Due to the low height of the building, a rooftop installation will fail to provide coverage and address the present coverage deficit.
8. Rooftop of JP Bell & Co, Saughtonhall Crescent (NGR: 321789/673040)
 - Due to the low height of the building, a rooftop installation will fail to provide coverage and address the present coverage deficit.
9. Rooftop of Powerful Partnerships, Saughtonhall Drive (NGR: 321789/673040)
 - Due to the low height of the building, a rooftop installation will fail to provide coverage and address the present coverage deficit.
10. Ground based mast, residential area to east of search area (around Glendevon Place)
 - Issues with narrow pavement widths and underground services all place significant restrictions upon any possible site options.
11. Ground based mast, residential area in the north of the search area (around Saughton Gardens)
 - Issues with narrow pavement widths and underground services all place significant restrictions upon any possible site options.
12. Ground based mast, residential area in the west of the search area (around Saughtonhall Grove)
 - Issues with narrow pavement widths and underground services all place significant restrictions upon any possible site options.

The Local Planning Authority mast register and our records of other potential sites have already been reviewed, the policies in the Development Plan have been taken into account and the planning history of the site has been examined.

All Vodafone and O2 installations are designed to be fully compliant with the public exposure guidelines established by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). These guidelines have the support of UK Government, the European Union and they also have the formal backing of the World Health Organisation. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance will be included within the planning submission.

In order to give you time to send your comments or request further information, we commit to allow at least 14 days before an application is submitted to the Local Planning Authority. This 14 day period starts from the date at the top of this letter.

We would also be grateful if you could please advise of any local stakeholders or groups that might like to make comments.

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We look forward to receiving any comments you may have on the proposal.

Yours faithfully,



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(for and on behalf of Vodafone (UK) Ltd and Telefónica O2 (UK) Ltd as a duly authorised agent)