



DELEGATED DECISION REPORT

Application Reference Number	18NP0032
Description / Site Address	Application for Prior Notification - Installation of 1no. 5m timber monopole, 1no. 0.2m transmission dish and associated works at Clennell Farm, Harbottle, Morpeth, NE65 7BG
Expiry date of publicity / consultations	14 May 2018
Last date for decision	1 June 2018

Details of Proposal

This application has been submitted in order to determine whether prior approval is required from the Local Planning Authority for the proposed installation of a timber monopole, transmission dish and associated works on land north of Clennell Farm, Alwinton. This request is made to the Local Planning Authority under Part 16 'Communications' Class A 'Electronic communications code operators' of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (GPDO).

The application site is located within the open countryside approximately 520m north west of Clennell. The proposed timber clad monopole would measure 5m in height and would incorporate a 200mm transmission dish (total height of 6.3m). The mast would be surrounded by a 1.1m high post and rail fence and would be linked via underground ducting to an existing airwave site located around 190m to the south east. The development is required as an update the existing nearby mast, which serves the emergency services network.

The application site does not fall within any designations however is located 260m north of the River Coquet & Coquet Valley Woodlands Site of Special Scientific Interest and 135m south east of the Camp Knowe Univallate Hillfort, 700m north west of Clennell Scheduled Ancient Monument .

Planning Policy & Guidance

National Policies

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2012)

National Planning Practice Guidance

Local Policies

Northumberland National Park Authority Core Strategy and Development Policies Document (Core Strategy) (2009)

Policy 1	<i>Delivering Sustainable Development</i>
Policy 3	<i>General Development Principles</i>
Policy 17	<i>Biodiversity and Geodiversity</i>
Policy 18	<i>Cultural Heritage</i>
Policy 20	<i>Landscape Quality and Character</i>
Policy 28	<i>Utilities and Infrastructure</i>



Supplementary Planning Guidance

NNPA Landscape Supplementary Planning Document (Landscape SPD)

Relevant Planning History

None relevant to this site

Adjacent site planning history

02NP0006 Erection of 7-metre high timber monopole mast with 3 no. 1 metre antennae and associated equipment cabin, compound and access track. *Conditional planning permission granted 27.03.2002*

Consultation/Representations

NCC Development Management: No objections

The application was advertised by means of a notice displayed at the site on 23rd April 2018, to which one representation was received, raising no objections and support for the application.

Assessment

The issues to be taken into consideration in the assessment of this application are:

- The principle of the development; and
- The siting and appearance of the development

The principle of the development

Development by or on behalf of an electronic communications code operator for the purpose of their electronic communications network in, on, over or under land controlled by that operator or in accordance with the electronic communications code, consisting of the installation, alteration or replacement of any electronic communications apparatus can be undertaken under permitted development rights set out within Part 16 Class A(a) of the 2015 GPDO, subject to the criteria set out within legislation. Where these criteria are met, an application can then be submitted to the Local Planning Authority to determine whether their prior approval is required for the works as to the siting and appearance of the development.

The proposed development would be undertaken by or on behalf of an electronic communications code operator for the purpose of their electronic communications network in, on, over or under land controlled by that operator or in accordance with the electronic communications code; consist of the installation of any electronic communications apparatus; and not exceed a height of 15m above ground level. Based on the information made available to the Local Planning Authority it is therefore considered that the requirements set out within Part 16 of the 2015 GPDO have been met. The principle of the development is therefore deemed to be acceptable.

The proposed construction of fencing is permitted under Part 16 Class A(c) of the 2015 GPDO as “*development ancillary to radio equipment housing*”, which includes perimeter walls and fences.



The siting and appearance of the development

It is considered that the proposed development, by virtue of its siting and appearance, would not have a detrimental impact upon the character or views of this part of the National Park, owing to its relatively small size and the typography of the surrounding area, in accordance with Core Strategy policies 3 and 20.

It is not considered that the proposed development would have any impact upon the nearby site designations, in accordance with Core Strategy policies 17 and 18.

RECOMMENDATION

In light of the assessment detailed above, it is considered that **prior approval is NOT required.**

Background Papers

Application file 18NP0032
EIA Screening Opinion

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