



**Our ref: NE335\_306731**

**Date: 23 January 2020**

The Chief Planning Officer  
Planning Department  
Northumberland National Park Authority  
Eastburn  
South Park  
Hexham  
Northumberland  
NE46 1BS

**For the attention of The Chief Planning Officer**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Arqiva's Smart Meter Network**

**Proposed Smart Metering Installation on the Grass Verge to the South Side of A68 (35m East of Village Hall), Rochester, Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland, NE19 1RH.**

**Permitted Development – Prior Approval Determination Application**

On behalf of Arqiva Ltd, we submit herewith an application for a prior approval determination for the installation of electronic communications apparatus at the above site as part of Arqiva's planned Smart Meter Network. The application follows the completion of our pre-application consultation exercise, reflecting so far as is practicable the guidance and comments offered.

Arqiva Ltd is designated as an Electronic Communications Code Operator under the provisions of the Communications Act 2003 and operates in accordance with the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003, as amended.

The application is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Part 16 of Schedule 2 to the Town and 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.

The application comprises:

- i. The proposal entails the installation of 8 metre high smart metering radio mast, 1No. smart Metering Omni antenna, 1No. Smart Metering GPS and 3G antennas, along with ancillary equipment incorporating a smart metering enclosure and power pillar, both to be fixed on a concrete base, all of which will be well located and sufficiently close to the premises that the SMN will serve. The site has been selected as it looks to present the optimum solution in terms of balancing environmental and operational considerations. Furthermore, Arqiva is looking to install an innovatively designed radio mast that has been selected as it is the slimmest design available.
- ii. An O.S. site plan scale (1:1250) drawing reference number – 306731-00-004-ML001 REV A, showing the location where the base station will be installed
- iii. Payment of the application fee of £462
- iv. The Developer's Notice served on the landowner.
- v. The Developer's contact details

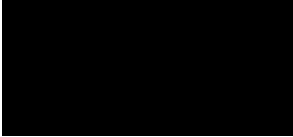
The following information is also provided to assist with your determination of the application:

- vi. The Authority's 1APP form for telecommunications development prior approval applications
- vii. Drawing reference numbers 306731-00-001-MD001, 306731-00-003-MD001, 306731-00-006-MD001, 306731-01-150-MD001 and 306731-01-100-MD001 (all REV A) providing further details of the siting, layout and design of the development
- viii. A supporting Planning Statement that includes design considerations
- ix. Additional technical justification
- x. An ICNIRP Certificate

Please also take this application and the details contained within it as due notification under Regulation 5 of the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003, as amended. In particular, you are given notice of the 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.

We trust everything is in order, but if you do require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our Senior Planning Manager, Martin Brown.

Yours faithfully



Martin Brown  
Senior Planning Manager



**On behalf of Arqiva Ltd**

### **Developer's Contact Details**

All correspondence relating to this application should be directed to the undersigned. However, in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, all correspondence to the developers, in the first instance, should be sent to:

Arqiva Ltd, Town Planning Team, Crawley Court, Winchester, Hampshire SO21 2QA

