

**Our ref:** NCO-0009334 - Baglan Mountain Road

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

The Chief Planning Officer  
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council  
Development Control Section  
The Quays, Brunel Way  
Neath  
SA11 2HZ

Dear Sir/Madam,

## **Hutchison 3G UK Ltd**

### **Permitted Development - Prior Approval Application**

**The installation of a proposed new telecommunications mast and ancillary equipment located at: Mountain Road, Baglan, Pentyla Baglan, Neath Port Talbot, SA12 8HP to support 5G technology.**

On behalf of Hutchison 3G UK Ltd we submit herewith an application for a prior approval determination for the installation of a 5G mobile base station at the above site. This application follows the completion of our pre-application engagement exercise, reflecting so far as is practicable the guidance and comments offered.

The application is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Part 24 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2019 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 written description of the development: the decommission and removal of existing tower with the addition of a new 20m SSTMN Tower on a pad foundation in extended 7m x 7m area, 2No Antennas, 1No RBS Cabinet, 1No Meter Cabinet, Cable Tray and associated ancillary equipment (1No GPS Antenna, 6No BOBs and 8No ERS's and 2No. Filters). Relocation of existing equipment to the new tower. NGR E: 276378, N: 190545
- ii. An O.S. site plan scale (1:2500) 303634-00-004-ML003 Rev 3 showing the location where the apparatus will be installed
- iii. Payment of £460 in respect of the application fee
- iv. An ICNIRP Certificate

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

- v. The Authority's 1APP form for telecommunications development prior approval applications
- vi. Drawing reference numbers – providing further details of the siting, layout and design of the development  
  
303634-07-100-MD003 Rev 3.A  
  
303634-07-150-MD003 Rev 3.A
- vii. A supporting Planning Statement that includes a summary of the siting, layout and design of the development
- viii. National Policy – Delivering Ultra Fast Broadband Mobile Connectivity
- ix. 5G – Helping tackle climate change document
- x. 5G Technical Support document
- xi. 5G Health and Safety document

### Developer's Contact Details

All correspondence relating to this application should be directed to the above. However, in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2019, all correspondence to the developers, in the first instance, should be sent to:

Cellnex UK, Town Planning Team, R+, 4th Floor, 2 Blagrove Street, Reading, RG1 1AZ

Email: [planning@cellnextelecom.co.uk](mailto:planning@cellnextelecom.co.uk)

This letter and the enclosures also provide due notification, as may be required, under the relevant conditions 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 described in more detail in the application documentation (including the scale drawings) and to be located as shown on the application plan.

We indicated in our prior engagement letter that the Traffic Light Rating was green. The prior engagement carried out suggests this rating to be correct and we have not altered it.

### The Scope of the Prior Approval Determination

The permitted development rights granted by Part 24 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2019, (the GPDO), exist to facilitate the establishment of modern communications apparatus and infrastructure such as for 5G, judged by the Welsh Government to be important to a modern economy and in attaining sustainability objectives.

The permitted development granted subject to the prior approval procedures is similar to the grant of outline planning permission, details on precise siting and appearance being reserved. This is explained at paragraph 93 of the Welsh Code of Best Practice on Mobile Phone Network Deployment.

As a consequence, the scope of determination does not extend to whether the site selected is needed, as the development is acceptable in principle due to the rights conveyed by the GPDO. Likewise, whilst information on alternative sites may be supplied by way of background and context, the extent of control on siting is limited to the precise siting on a site and not the general location.

As the principle of development at the application site is permitted by the GPDO, the submitted Planning Statement focuses on the statutory criteria of detailed siting and appearance. In so doing, this is considered against current town and country planning guidance, including the development plan which are material considerations and with reference to the operational requirements of the operator and the attempts to accommodate the particular requirement.

Paragraph 82 of the Welsh Code of Best Practice on Mobile Phone Network Development clearly requires the provision of full supporting information and we trust all the supporting material submitted in fulfilment of this is of assistance. However, if you do require any clarification or further information such as that specified at paragraphs 89 or 90 of the Code, please let us know.

Whilst as a matter of best practice extensive supporting material is submitted, the lawful scope of determination remains confined to the detailed siting and appearance of the apparatus proposed.

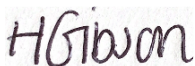
The permitted development rights exist to facilitate the establishment of modern communications, judged by successive governments to be important to a modern economy and in attaining sustainability objectives.

We would be willing to meet with you, or assist with any visits to the site and the surrounding area, if this is beneficial to the determination of the application.

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 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 Hannah Gibson.

Yours faithfully,



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**For and on behalf of Cellnex UK Limited`**