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To: clerk@chedworthpc.org.uk
Cc: Craig Horn
Subject: VF 14493 - Pre-application consultation - Chedworth SW -cllrs

Dear Sir / Madam,

PROPOSED NEW BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT VF 14493 – CHEDWORTH SW, FIELDS ROAD, CHEDWORTH, CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, GL54 4NE

Vodafone Limited has entered into an agreement with Telefonica UK Limited pursuant to which the two companies plan to jointly operate and manage a single network grid across the UK. These arrangements will be overseen by Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL) which is a joint venture company owned by Vodafone Limited and Telefonica UK Limited.

This agreement allows both organisations to:

- pool their basic network infrastructure , while running two, independent, nationwide networks
- maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development.

Vodafone and Telefonica are in the process of seeking a suitable site in the Chedworth area for a radio base station. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information on the proposal and the opportunity for you to seek further information should you wish to do so.

- The site is required to provide new 3G & 4G coverage in Chedworth and the surrounding area. The site proposal includes installing a 15m replica telegraph pole, 2no. microwave dishes, 2no. equipment cabinets, along with ancillary works.

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

· **CHEDWORTH SW, FIELDS ROAD, CHEDWORTH, CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, GL54 4NE – NGR: 405400, 211500**

· This is the preferred option as the site provides good coverage, its proposed position is considered suitable in the context for the telecommunications base station. Taking into account the development's siting and appearance when read in its current environment, it is considered that a scheme in this location will not undermine the visual amenity of the area.

We have considered alternative site options and discounted as follows:

· Manor Farm, Manor Farm Dairy, Chedworth, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 4NU – NGR: 405182, 212235. Site has recently been sold and is not available for a telecommunications installation.

· St Andrews Church, Chedworth, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 4AD – NGR: 405162, 212141. The construction of the church is unsuitable for a rooftop telecommunications installation.

- Ballingers Farm, Chedworth, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 4NG – NGR: 405567, 211221. Land at Ballingers Farm is on steep terrain. Likely to be access / build issues with a new installation in this location.
- Hills Farm, Calves Hill, Chedworth, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 4AH – NGR: 406203, 211387. Site is on low laying terrain. A site in this location wouldn't provide the required coverage to the target area.
- Land adjacent Chedworth Village Hall, Chedworth Village Hall, Chedworth, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 4NQ – NGR: 405353, 211242. Site is within the Conservation Area. Considered this site would be more prominent and visually intrusive than the proposed site.

All Vodafone and Telefonica 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 fact, because of the very low power utilised by telecommunications sites the emissions will be many times lower than the ICNIRP threshold.

We would welcome your views (within 14 days of the date of this letter) before we finalise the proposal and submit the planning application to the Local Planning Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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