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Sent via email to planningportal@highpeak.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam,

EE Ltd and Hutchison 3G UK Ltd. 5G Mobile Connectivity

Industry Best Practice Informal Engagement

**Proposed communications installation for EE Ltd and Hutchison 3G UK Ltd.
at Existing Telecoms Site, East of Overhill Road, Chinley, Derbyshire, SK23
6EB**

My name is Gareth Mendham and I am a Planner at Teligent Ltd. operating on the behalf of Cellnex UK. I am writing to you to draw your attention to a proposal by EE Ltd and Hutchison 3G UK Ltd, in conjunction with Mobile Broadband Network Limited (MBNL), to upgrade the existing electronic communications site, which is managed by Cellnex UK.

As you will be aware, all the Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) have agreed to carry out informal engagement with local planning authorities as a matter of industry Best Practice. This has been developed with the support of Government along with other interested stakeholders, including the Local Government Association and Planning Officer's Society. The process is intended to be commensurate and appropriate to the development of comparatively small-scale public infrastructure development and generally outside any formal pre-application consultation process your local planning authority may have adopted. Your co-operation within this informal process is therefore encouraged to help facilitate the balanced deployment of vital 4G generation mobile communications infrastructure that will deliver clear benefits to your local area.

In this case the operators intend to upgrade the existing electronic communications installation at the above site, which is managed by Cellnex UK, a radio site infrastructure provider.

There is a specific need for new apparatus to deliver 4G mobile connectivity to meet the Government's Digital Strategy and bring about the significant benefits

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associated with this advanced next generation mobile connectivity. The deployment of 4G will utilise the MNOs existing 3G sites like this one and so for a period of time, sites are likely to carry different services in parallel, with intelligence applied to ensure high data uses operate through the higher capacity networks.

Cellnex UK's existing facility has been selected by the operators as this will provide the required level of network coverage while meeting national and local town planning policy objectives to share an existing electronic communications site.

The proposed development therefore entails the relocation of 3 no. existing antennas and the installation of 3 no. new antennas, alongside associated ancillary upgrades, which will provide 4G coverage. The enclosed drawings provide further details of the siting and the design of the development.

4G apparatus will operate at higher power levels than earlier generations and as such the apparatus has to be positioned to ensure public exclusion zones can be maintained and ensure no interference with existing apparatus already installed. Our application will be supported by the necessary ICNIRP declaration to demonstrate such compliance.

Within this context, we consider that the proposed apparatus looks to satisfactorily balance these various operational considerations and still minimise the extent of visual influence associated with the development.

Although the proposed development will have some localised impacts, we consider that this will be acceptable in the planning balance when considered alongside the benefits of providing the operators advanced 4G network coverage and the extent to which the proposal meets local and national town planning policies for the shared use of existing electronic communication masts and sites.

The installation, as currently proposed, requires a prior approval application which we are preparing to submit. Although our application will be supported by, as a minimum, all necessary information to meet statutory or local validation requirements, we do welcome your opinion on any other information that might be reasonably required for your determination of the application, reflecting site specific considerations (such as heritage, landscape and ecology). In this way, Cellnex UK would look to bring forward a form of development and level of supporting information that best meets the LPA expectations (where reasonably possible) and to avoid undue delays during the planning process.

Other Engagement

In accordance with best practice guidelines and the advice contained in national policy, the operators are committed to undertaking wider engagement with the local community and other stakeholders who may have an interest in the development.

The proposal has, therefore, been assessed using Traffic Light Rating Model in order to establish an appropriate level of engagement. The proposal has been categorised as green. In accordance with best practice guidelines, additional engagement is being undertaken with Ward Councillors. If, however, you feel the rating to be incorrect or consider that other interested parties should be notified at

this stage, then please let us know and pass on relevant contact details as soon as possible.

We look forward to receiving any comments you may have. It would be greatly appreciated if you could either forward your comments or, if preferred, contact us to arrange a meeting within the next 10 days.

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of Cellnex UK

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