

EXETER CITY COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE
19 JUNE 2007**

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPARATUS
452 PINHOE ROAD, EXETER**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To reconsider an application from the Council's long leasehold tenant of 452 Pinhoe Road, Exeter for retrospective consent for the installation of telecommunications apparatus at this site (location plan attached).

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of 5 April 2005 Executive refused retrospective consent for the installation of telecommunications equipment on part of the site at 452 Pinhoe Road on the grounds that the requested information had not been provided within a reasonable time frame. Executive made this decision on the understanding that, if the information was submitted, the matter was to be brought back to Executive for consideration. The requested information has now been provided (attached).
- 2.2 Orange and Vodafone have installed telecommunications equipment on the site. The property is held by Layton Sumner Limited under a 99-year Lease from the Council, which commenced in 1954. The terms of this Lease require the tenant to seek formal consent for any alterations and additions to the premises; any change of use; and also for any intended sub-letting. Despite this, the Tenant has entered into an agreement with Orange and Vodafone and the equipment has been installed. The matter was brought to the attention of the Estates Service in 2005 and, since that date officers have been attempting to negotiate with the tenant and the operators to provide the standard information for dealing with these types of application.
- 2.3 The equipment in question is a 20-metre high column mast with six antennae and six transmission dishes together with associated equipment. The location and apparatus layout as set out on the attached plans. Planning permission for the site has been obtained.
- 2.4 The terms of the Head Lease do not permit the City Council to obtain any consideration for the grant of this consent. However, we would be able to restrict the apparatus to that set out on the plans and seek to prevent any intensification of equipment to the site in the future if this were not deemed appropriate.

- 2.5 Members have previously expressed concerns regarding the impact of telecommunications equipment on nearby residential and educational facilities. In this instance, the nearest residential property is approximately 100 metres away. The nearest school is in excess of 600 metres away. The operators have provided supporting information which is attached. The City Council's consultant from the University of Exeter advises that the emissions are well below the ICNIRP standards. In addition, the areas of maximum beam intensity do not fall on residential or educational premises and consequently, based on current guidance, there are unlikely to be any adverse health effects.

3.0 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Members are requested to decide whether to authorise consent under the terms of the Head Lease for the proposed telecommunications apparatus at 452 Pinhoe Road, Exeter.

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Local Government (Access to information) Act 1985 (as amended)

Background papers used in compiling this report:

None