

**3/22/1002/TEL Installation of a 15m monopole tower to support antenna, associated radio equipment housing and ancillary development.**

Land Adjacent Car Parking The Avenue Hertford Hertfordshire

1) While the land opposite the shops on the Avenue is not specifically mentioned in the neighbourhood plan, we do not consider that the addition of a 15m structure on a tranquil area of green very close to local housing would be appropriate. It would represent an ugly and unwelcome development. The height of the mast would mean that it would dominate the area and its siting only 12.5 metres from the nearest property at 46 The Avenue is far from ideal. We note that the structure would be higher than local trees and would therefore be prominent and be significantly visually intrusive.

2) We have not been convinced that local, existing infrastructure could not be used for the same purpose.

3) So while this mast does not contravene any specific policy within the plan we do have a section on Landscape Design which is appropriate to refer to for guidance. This is covered in Policy HBH3 in this it notes that:

“a) landscaping should incorporate welcoming, accessible open spaces and natural play areas

b) planting should be of native tree and hedgerow species and green buffers between large developments and adjacent countryside and between new development and existing residential areas”

4) The proposed area for development does constitute local open space which has been appropriately added to an existing housing estate and the addition of a mast would be inappropriate on landscaping grounds.

5) Therefore, the Bengoe Neighbourhood Area Plan objects to the siting of this mast

Chair

Bengoe Neighbourhood Area Plan