

Committee: **PLANNING (Urgent Referral)**

Date of Meeting: **24 November 2010**

Title of Report: **S/2010/1405**  
**Telecommunications Mast on Pavement at**  
**Junction of College Road and Brooke Road**  
**East, Waterloo**  
(Victoria Ward)

Proposal: Prior Notification Procedure for the installation of a replacement 12.5m high (total height) telecommunications mast with one new cabinet to replace existing two cabinets

Applicant: Telefonica O2 UK LTD

## **Executive Summary**

This is a Prior Notification Procedure for the installation of a replacement 12.5m high telecommunications mast and replacement of two cabinets with one cabinet on the pavement at the junction of Brooke Road East and College Road, Waterloo. The issues to consider are the siting and appearance of the development. It is considered the proposal will not have a significantly greater impact on amenity and resolves previous highway issues. Approval is therefore recommended.

**Recommendation(s)                      Approval**

## **Justification**

The proposal will not have a detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the area. The applicant has demonstrated compliance with guidelines in respect of health and the siting and design of the proposed equipment is considered to be acceptable. When assessed against the Development Plan and all other material considerations, particularly policies CS3, DQ1, H10, MD8 and PPG8 "Telecommunications" the proposal is acceptable.

## **Condition**

1. T-1 Full Planning Permission Time Limit

## **Reason**

1. RT-1

## **Drawing Numbers**

100A, 200B, 201C, 300A, 301C, 400C

## Financial Implications

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2006/ 2007 £</b>	<b>2007/ 2008 £</b>	<b>2008/ 2009 £</b>	<b>2009/ 2010 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</b>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

## List of Background Papers relied upon in the preparation of this report

History referred to  
Policy referred to

## The Site

The site forms part of a section of adopted footway close to the junction of Brooke Road East and College Road Waterloo.

There is an existing 12.5m high monopole with two ground based equipment cabinets.

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## History

S/2001/0392 – Prior Approval for a 10m high mast and associated cabin – Approved 04/07/01

S/2003/1321 – Prior Approval for a 12.5m high mast and associated cabin and equipment – Refused 5/2/04 - Allowed on Appeal 25/08/04

S/2006/1113 – Prior Approval for a 15m high monopole and associated cabinet – Refused 11/01/07

## Consultations

*Highways Development Control* - At present there are two cabinets located in the footway on the north side of Brooke Road East. The larger cabinet restricts the width of available adopted footway to less than 1m and the smaller cabinet restricts the inter-visibility between pedestrians at the crossing point on the north side of Brooke Road East and drivers travelling east bound.

This proposal involves replacing the two existing cabinets with one new cabinet which is smaller than the large cabinet and positioned further from the corner than the smaller one. The existing pole and antenna will also be replaced but the new pole and antenna will be located in precisely the same position as the existing.

In view of the above, the proposal results in significant benefits both to pedestrian safety and the free-flow of pedestrian movement along the footway on the north side of Brooke Road East and as such there are no objections.

## Neighbour Representations

Last date for replies: 3/11/10

Letter received from Minards Pavlou Solicitors advising that they would object if the new cabinet restricts the pavement further.

Letter received from 16 Lichfield Avenue, commenting that the cabinet should leave ample space on the pavement for wheel chairs and prams. Houses near the mast are up for sale and residents may be concerned at the proximity of the mast. Request that previous concerns be taken into consideration when reaching a decision.

## Policy

The application site is situated in an area allocated as Primarily Residential on the Council's Adopted Unitary Development Plan.

CS3	Development Principles
DQ1	Design
H10	Development in Primarily Residential Areas
MD8	Telecommunications Development
PPG8	Telecommunications

## Comments

The main issue to be considered is the impact of the proposed telecommunication installation having regard to its siting, design and external appearance.

The proposal is to replace the existing 12.5m high mast (allowed on appeal) with a dual user pole of the same height. It will be located in precisely the same position as the existing. The structure will be slightly bulkier, however it is considered this is a small alteration and would not have a greater impact upon the appearance or character of the area.

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The proposal is to replace the two existing cabinets with one new cabinet which is smaller than the large cabinet and positioned further from the corner than the smaller one. This will result in significant benefits both to pedestrian safety and the free-flow of pedestrian movement along the footway on the north side of Brooke Road East. Highways raise no objections to the proposal.

As this proposal is to replace an existing single user installation with a dual user installation, it negates the requirement for an additional installation to be placed elsewhere.

The applicant has submitted a certificate to certify that emission will not exceed recommended levels (ICNIRP). Therefore the application cannot be refused on the grounds of the perceived risk of the proposal to health.

Whilst fears of health effects are a material consideration, given Government advice on the considerations of health implications of masts, it is not considered that health concerns previously raised are sufficient to outweigh Government advice and the balance of evidence available at present.

It is recommended that consent is granted for the proposal, as it would not have an unacceptable impact on the visual amenity and character of the surrounding street scene and evidence has been provided to show that the apparatus to be installed complies with the guidelines of the ICNIRP.

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