

GREAT AND LITTLE GIDDING PARISH COUNCIL

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By Email

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Dear Ms Wilson,

PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION - GREAT GIDDING, CAMBRIDGESHIRE

References

- A. Your Email Response dated 1 Aug 19.
- B. Great & Little Gidding Parish Council Objection dated 1 Aug 19

Thank you for your helpful response by email (Ref A) to the Parish Council's letter of objection to the siting of the Base Station and mast proposal (Ref B). We have considered your comments and, in the spirit of consultation and engagement with our Community, we have several less environmentally intrusive options that we would like you to consider. However, firstly, we request that you reassess two of the alternative site options that were previously discounted:

Previously Discounted options from your letter 87555 dated 18 Jul 19			
Discounted Option	Location	OS Grid Ref	Comment
Option 11. GGIDST Anglian Water	Winwick Rd	E512036 N282404	Please re-examine this option
Option 1.	Hemington Lodge Rd	E511886 N284156	Please re-examine this option, even relocating 100m further south- east towards the B660

We do not understand why these two options were considered "too far from the target area". Great Gidding is quite a small village and the surrounding rural area is sparsely populated so we must assume the target area is centred on Great Gidding. Option 11 located on an Anglian Water facility is assessed as one of the least intrusive options from an environmental perspective. Both Option 1 and Option 11 are closer geographically to the village, than Option 9 (Main St Luddington) which was discounted as the verges are too narrow and not by distance from the target area. Luddington is approx. 1.5km in a direct line from the centre of Great Gidding, whereas Option 1 and Option 11 are each about 0.9km from the centre of our village.

Our Community understands the requirement for better telecommunication capability and our primary focus has always been full engagement to enable delivery of this new technology, but it has to be achieved in the least intrusive and most environmentally friendly way. Accordingly, if re-assessment of the 2 previously discounted options is not deemed viable, then we would ask you to consider these 5 possible alternative locations:

New Options for Consideration - in order of Parish Council Preference				
Rank	Description	Location	OS Grid Ref	Comment
1	Grass verge Mill Rd	NE side of Mill Road	E512250 N283350	May need landowner permission
2	Grazing pasture	Horse pasture, Mill Rd	E512120 N283400	Will need landowner permission
3	Grass Verge/Farmland	Luddington Rd	E511400 N283200	May need landowner permission
4	Grass verge/Farmland	Luddington Rd	E511530 N283090	May need landowner permission
5	Woodland adjacent to B660	“Village Pound”	E512200 N283780	Parish Council owned land

Please note the alternatives are listed in order of preference (rank). Options 1 and 2 are on the highest elevations in the Parish. Options 1, 3 and 4 may have sufficient room to install the Base Station on the roadside verges but may need the landowners’ permission. We have noted that O2 3G/4G coverage is weaker in the south west sector of the village; accordingly, we believe that Options 3 and 4 located on the Luddington Road may provide the enhanced coverage that O2 require. Of note, where land is owned by Milton Estates, we believe they may be receptive to proposals to site a Base Station and mast on their land.

As we have previously stated, Great and Little Gidding Parish Council welcome the opportunity to engage with Harlequin and Cornerstone to enable us to reach an acceptable and pragmatic solution to the siting of this O2 Base Station and mast. If you need any more information, or wish to meet our representatives in the village to discuss any of the options we have presented, then please don’t hesitate to make contact. We would also be grateful if you could give us an indication of the timescales for the pre-planning and possible subsequent planning phases so that we can understand “where we are” in the process from a time perspective.

We sincerely look forward to working with you to reach an acceptable non-intrusive solution that benefits everyone, and we look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas HILL

Chairman

For and on behalf of Great and Little Gidding Parish Council

Copied separately to:

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