

Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

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Application No: PL/2026/01852
The removal of the existing 3no antennas and 1no. cabinet; the installation of 6no. antennas, 1no. 300mm and 1no. 600mm dishes, 18 ERS units and 1no. GPS module mounted on the existing 25m mast; the installation of 1no. cabinet and development works thereto
Land South West Of Cemetery Holt Road Bradford On Avon, BA15 1TS

Please find following comments in respect of the above application(s).

Recommendations:

☐	No comment
☐	Support in principle subject to amendments to the scheme (as set out below)
☐	Support subject to conditions (as set out below)
☐	Object (for reasons set out below)
☒	No objections

Scope of comments: the following comments relate to the built historic environment.

Policy: From the point of view of the historic environment the main statutory tests are set out within the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. Section 16 requires that **special regard** be given to the desirability of preserving or enhancing listed buildings, their settings or any features of special architectural or historic interest which they possess.

Section 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 also requires the Council to pay **special attention** to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of designated Conservation Areas.

The NPPF outlines government policy, including its policy in respect of the historic environment. Section 16 of the NPPF 'Conserving and enhancing the historic environment' sets out the Government's high-level policies concerning heritage and sustainable development. Paragraphs 214-216 of the NPPF require a balanced approach with any harm which would be caused being weighed against the potential public benefits which might be achieved. Paragraph 210 requires local planning authorities should take account of the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of heritage assets and of new development making a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness.

National Planning Practice Guidance provides guidance on interpreting the NPPF.

The Council's Core Strategy Policy CP58 'Ensuring the conservation of the historic environment' requires that "designated heritage assets and their settings will be conserved, and where appropriate enhanced, in a manner appropriate to their significance."

Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy Policy CP57 'Ensuring high quality design and place shaping': A high standard of design is required in all new developments, including extensions, alterations, and changes of use of existing buildings. Development is expected to create a strong sense of place through drawing on the local context and being complementary to the locality.

Historic England Advice Note 2 – Making changes to Heritage Assets illustrates the application of policies set out in the NPPF in determining applications for PP and LBC.

Site and assets considered: The site is located a distance from a Grade II listed building and Bradford on Avon Conservation Area.

Proposal: The proposal is for the removal of the existing 3no antennas and 1no. cabinet; the installation of 6no. antennas, 1no. 300mm and 1no. 600mm dishes, 18 ERS units and 1no. GPS module mounted on the existing 25m mast; the installation of 1no. cabinet and development works.

Relevant planning history: 15/01423/CLP - Proposed relocation of existing telecommunications mast and cabinet (Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Use) (approved); W/07/01818/FUL - Telecommunications base station (approve);

Assessment: Given the distance involved and intervening landscape and buildings, no heritage assets will be affected.

Summary & conclusion: The NPPF confirms that when considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation (and the more important the asset, the greater the weight should be). It makes clear that any harm to a designated heritage asset requires clear and convincing justification.

The impact of the proposals on heritage assets will be neutral and the requirements of current conservation legislation, policy or guidance are considered to be met and there is therefore no objection to the approval of the application.