

GITTISHAM
(Feniton & Buckerell)

06/1265/FUL
(FULL)

03.07.06

Applicant:

MMO2 Airwave Ltd

Location:

Land at Gittisham Common
(Grid Ref: 314585/96197)

Proposal:

Installation of one 600mm radio dish, one 300mm radio dish
and cabinet

Consultations

County Highway Authority

No comment

Planning History

App. No.	Year	Proposal	Date and Decision
P0788	2003	1 600mm and 1 300mm dish	Approved 13 May 2003
P0629	2001	7 cabinets	Approved 14 May 2001

Town/Parish Council

Refuse as there is no assurance that this type of equipment will not adversely affect local communities.

The Parish Council has not changed its view from the previous application. "Based on information available the Council recommends refusal as there is no assurance that this type of equipment will not adversely affect local communities

Location

The site is the northern tower of the two tower compounds near Putts Corner adjoining the Sidmouth to Honiton road which have been in place for many years.

There are no nearby residential properties. The Hare and Hounds public house is 350 metres to the south.

The Proposed Development

The proposed development is for the addition of two radio dishes and a ground based equipment cabinet. The existing tower is 61 metres high and the dishes will be at 30 metres and 45 metres. The tower already has a substantial number of antennae below 45 metres as indicated on the attached drawing.

Planning Policy

Devon Structure Plan

- CO3 – Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Adopted East Devon Local Plan

- EN1 – Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- C8 – Telecommunications

Comment

The visual impact of the proposal on the area is minimal and no objections from that point of view have been received.

In response to the comments of the Parish Council a Declaration of Conformity with ICNIRP Public Exposure Guidelines ('ICNIRP Declaration') has been received and forwarded to the Parish Council (7th July 2006). No further comments have been received.

There are no nearby dwellings as can be seen from the location plan and a number of similar installations have been added to this and the neighbouring tower without objection. The equipment proposed is in keeping with accepted safety standards and the proposed development accords with adopted policies. The Council has no evidence before it that there is any realistic possibility that these dishes will be prejudicial to health and refusal could not be justified on those grounds.

Recommendation

APPROVE subject to the following conditions.

1. The development hereby permitted shall be removed within three months of its ceasing to be used for telecommunications purposes.
Reason – In order to protect the character and appearance of the area.
2. No works shall commence until details of the colour and finish of the proposed equipment have been agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
Reason – In order to protect the character and appearance of the area.

List of Background Papers

The file containing all letters, consultations, and documents referred to in the report.