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Dear Clerk,

PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT (CS12459226 VF8257_17) STEYNE HOUSE, STEYNE CROSS, BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT, PO33 5SQ. E: 464117 N: 087130

Cornerstone is the UK's leading mobile infrastructure services company. We acquire, manage, and own over 20,000 sites and are committed to enabling best in class mobile connectivity for over half of all the country's mobile customers. We oversee works on behalf of telecommunications providers and wherever possible aim to:

- promote shared infrastructure
- maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development

Cornerstone are in the process of progressing suitable sites in the Bembridge area for a radio base station upgrade that will improve service provision for Vodafone. The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before proceeding with the works. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, Cornerstone and Vodafone are committed to consultation with communities for mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of Vodafone's network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a radio base station upgrade at this location to provide improved technical provisions, greater capacity, and coverage in the area.

Mobiles can only work with a network of base stations in place where people want to use their mobile phones or other wireless devices. Without base stations, the mobile phones, and other devices we rely on simply won't work.

Please find below the details of the proposed site and the alternative site options considered and discounted in our site selection process: -


Our technical network requirement is as follows:

- CS12459226 VF8257_17 (CORNERSTONE, VODAFONE) & STEYNE HOUSE, STEYNE CROSS

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- TO PROVIDE IMPROVED TECHNICAL PROVISIONS, GREATER CAPACITY, AND COVERAGE IN THE AREA.

A number of options have been assessed in respect of the site search process and we consider the best solution is as follows:

- STEYNE HOUSE, STEYNE CROSS, BEMBRIDGE, ISLE OF WIGHT, PO33 5SQ. E: 464117 N: 087130
- REPLACING THE EXISTING 6NO. ANTENNAS WITH 3NO. PROPOSED ANTENNAS, 1NO. 0.3M DISH, REFRESH TO THE EQUIPMENT CABIN AND ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT THERETO. THIS UPGRADE WAS PREFERRED OVER THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW STRUCTURE IN LINE WITH PLANNING POLICY TO REDUCE THE PROLIFERATION OF MASTS, ESPECIALLY AS ACCESS IS ALREADY EXISTING.

The Local Planning Authority mast register, and our records of other potential sites have already been reviewed, the policies in the Development Plan have been taken into account and the planning history of the site has been examined.

All Cornerstone installations are designed to be fully compliant with the public exposure guidelines established by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). These guidelines have the support of UK Government, the European Union and they also have the formal backing of the World Health Organisation.

We look forward to receiving any comments you may have on the proposal within 14 days of the date of this letter.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me (quoting cell number CS12459226 VF8257_17)

Yours faithfully,

Niamh Mullan


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(for and on behalf of Cornerstone)

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