

Mr P Bulmer
Bryn Residents Association

28 November 2016

Dear Mr Bulmer,

PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT CS_208133 BRYNGURNOS FARM, BRYN

Vodafone and Telefónica are in the process of identifying a suitable site in the Bryn area for a radio base station. The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before any planning submission is made. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, Vodafone and Telefónica are committed to consultation with communities on their mobile telecommunications proposals, and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of Vodafone's and Telefónica's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a radio base station at this location to provide voice and high speed broadband services to the village of Bryn. This is part of the Grow the Grid project which aims to provide voice and mobile broadband services to rural areas and or villages where coverage is below that enjoyed elsewhere in the country. The operators have previously agreed with the government a programme to provide guaranteed voice and text coverage across 90 per cent of the UK geographic area by 2017, halving the areas currently blighted by patchy coverage as a result of partial 'not-spots'.

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

The technical network requirement is as follows:

- Cell CS_208133 Bryn
- Provision of voice and data services to the village of Bryn

A number of options have been assessed in respect of the site search process and the preferred Vodafone and Telefónica option is as follows:

- Land at Bryngurnos Farm (north of the former Bryn School), Neath Road, Bryn NGR: 281374 192494
- Proposed 18m lattice tower accommodating three no. antennas and two no. dishes with ground based equipment within a fenced compound. The site is located in a position set back from local residential properties and adjacent to mature trees which will screen all but the very top section of the structure. The elevated position overlooking the village. Please see enclosed plans detailing the proposal.

The Local Planning Authority mast register (where available) and 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 Vodafone and Telefónica 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 and Welsh Governments, the European Union and they also have the formal backing of the World Health Organisation. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance will be included within the planning submission.

We look forward to receiving any comments you may have on the proposal prior to any application to Neath Port Talbot Council.

Yours sincerely,

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