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Dear Sir / Madam,

PRE-CONSULTATION FOR A PROPOSED UPGRADE TO AN EXISTING SITE AT:

126549 Lopen Head Nursery Lopen, South Petherton, Somerset, TA13 5JH

Vodafone Limited has entered into an agreement with Telefonica UK Limited pursuant to which the two companies plan to jointly operate and manage a single network grid across the UK. These arrangements will be overseen by Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL) which is a joint venture company owned by Telefónica UK Limited and Vodafone Limited.

This agreement allows both organisations to:

- pool their basic network infrastructure, while running two, independent, nationwide networks
- maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development

Vodafone Limited is in the process of upgrading an existing site located as mentioned above. 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, Vodafone Limited is committed to consultation with communities for mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of Vodafone's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a radio base station at this location to provide new 3G / 4G 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.

Our technical network requirement is as follows:

- To provide 3G / 4G coverage for this locality and area
- The existing 17.7m Telefonica only mast housing 3 antennas will be extended to 20m and house 6 antennas and 2 x 0.6m dishes for the shared use of Telefonica and Vodafone.

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

- Existing site at 126549 Lopen Head Nursery Lopen, South Petherton, Somerset, TA13 5JH
- NGR: 342549, 115365

This is an upgrade of an existing mobile phone mast base station, accordingly No alternative sites were considered as the site selected accords with all local plan policies and those set out within the NPPF.

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 Vodafone Limited 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.

Yours faithfully,

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(for and on behalf of CTIL and Vodafone Limited and Telefonica UK Limited)