

Review of Mobile Technology and Telecommunications Equipment in Hillingdon Borough and beyond: Witness Session 3

REASON FOR ITEM

To enable the Committee to gather evidence as part of their review of Mobile Technology and Telecommunications Equipment in Hillingdon Borough and beyond.

INFORMATION

Aim of review

To look into the future growth of mobile telephone masts and ancillary equipment and the effects on the residents and environment of Hillingdon and beyond.

Terms of Reference

1. To explore the future of mobile phone technology, e.g. 4G/5G and the transmission facilities that will be required
2. To review the Council's existing planning policies on the installation of mobile phone masts generally, e.g. on roofs and specifically in relation to council owned premises;
3. To investigate the new generation of telecommunications and explore new designs of telecommunications masts;
4. To explore how local authorities liaise with mobile phone operators and their subsidiaries over mobile phone mast locations;
5. To investigate the appropriate use of phone masts in localities and their design within the local environment
6. To explore the views of residents, residents' associations and other key stakeholders who experience mobile phone masts in their vicinity or use mobile telephones, e.g. businesses.
7. To identify further opportunities for the sharing of mobile phone masts within the current regulatory framework
8. To examine best practice through information-sharing with other local authorities at home and overseas
9. To present the Committee's findings and any recommendations to Cabinet for consideration as Council policy.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE

1. Question the witnesses as required.
2. Ask additional/supplementary questions as required.
3. Highlight issues for further investigation.

WITNESSES

For this witness session, Members will be focussing on the following areas:

- The Planning aspects in relation to Telecommunications masts and equipment.

With this in mind, the following witnesses have been invited to attend this witness session:

- James Rodger, Head of Planning
- Bill Ogden, Deputy Director Corporate Landlord
- Cllr John Hensley, Chairman of Central & South Planning Committee
- Cllr Eddie Lavery, Chairman of North Planning Committee

SUGGESTED COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

1. Members to question the witnesses and identify issues for their review
2. Members to discuss the evidence gathered to date on their review and note any potential draft recommendations.