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Dear Ms Smith

APPEAL BY VODAFONE (UK) LTD/TELEFONICA (UK) LTD
TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION AT THREE POTS ROAD, HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE, LE10 2PB

Thank you for providing a copy of the Council's statement and third party representations in respect of the above.

The Appellants note that a number of potential alternative sites are now being put forward. The Appellants have not previously been asked to investigate these sites and, indeed, the addenda to the Officer's Report to Committee on the appeal proposal states that 'it has been satisfactorily demonstrated that alternative sites have been considered'. The report to Committee also states that the appeal proposal is 'considered acceptable' and 'overcomes the reasons for [the previous] refusal'.

Notwithstanding this, the Appellants have given consideration to the two additional alternative sites now being suggested by the Council. Whilst the Three Pots Road site would have the benefit of providing coverage to the M69, the principal target coverage area for this cell is the residential area. The sites suggested by the Council are each much closer to the M69 than the appeal site and, whilst there is no doubt that either would provide coverage to the motorway, an acceptable level of coverage would not be achieved in the residential area in either case.

This has been confirmed by the Appellants' Radio Planner, who has produced additional coverage plots as an illustration. These plots have not been submitted with this letter as it was felt this would constitute the submission of additional material. However, they can be provided if it would assist the Inspector's consideration of the appeal.

Yours sincerely

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