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Subject: Prior approvals - Cornerstone - Hinckley & Bosworth

In anticipation of tomorrow it might help you if I explained a bit more about our thought processes with regard to the current batch of applications. I comment on each site below:

1 11/00160/GDOT - Queens Road: We looked at a number of rooftop installations here - in particular Manchester Hosiery, Sparkenhoe Business Centre and Parkview Garage. The first option is unsuitable from a radio point of view as it is too close to a newly acquired adjacent cell to the south. The second option was quite promising but the owners stated that they did not wish to accommodate apparatus. The third option is a building which is unsuitable due to structural issues and the need for access over soft ground. We have gone for a slimline monople supporting dual antennas for two operators in accordance with guidance to minimise the proliferation of sites. There is substantial mitigation from adjacent tree cover.
2 11/00095/GDOT - Rugby Road: In this case our search area was exclusively residential thereby substantially constraining our search options. We have gone for a streetworks monopole in the least visually prominent location we could identify which also benefits from some tree cover. The same points apply about the minimisation of proliferation.
3 11/00156/GDOT - Stoke Road: This is also an exclusively residential area. We have therefore sought to mitigate visual impact by locating close to the only commercial property in the area. We are conscious of the close presence of schools. The owners of One Stop Shop were not willing to engage in discussions with us about a rooftop installation and in any event I have serious doubts about it's structural suitability due to it's unusually irregular roof profile which does not offer a suitable plane to fix equipment to.
4 11/00096/GDOT - Thre Pots Road: This search area includes commercial premises as well as residential. We considered a site at the Texaco Garage but this has limited space available. Land adjacent to the Harvester Inn is very visually prominent and we could not justify locating in open countryside which in this area is Green Belt. We have identified a site which relates well to tree cover thus minimising impact on local amenity.

These are the four applications which are, I believe, being reported to committee on 29 March. There are two other cells, one of which is the subject of a live application. Judging by my post bag it is the most contentious of the lot (Hinckley Road Burbage). We did consider a site within the Sapcote Rd Industrial Estate but this failed, largely because the landowner simply didn't want the "hassle". We have avoided a site impacting on Burbage Conservation Area for self evident reasons. We believe the identified option is the best available. It has the benefit of some tree cover.

Kind regards

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