

Full Planning Application

Proposed removal of existing antennae and installation of a replacement to extend 5 metres above the roofline.

PADIHAM LEISURE CENTRE PARK ROAD PADIHAM BURNLEY

Background:

The proposed mast is infrastructure required for telecommunications purposes.

Relevant Policies:

Burnley Local Plan Second Review

CF6 - Provision of small indoor sports facilities

GP3 – Design and Quality

Site History: No relevant planning history.

Consultation Responses: No representations.

Planning and Environmental Considerations:

The proposed mast is infrastructure required for telecommunications purposes. Line of sight from the existing Leisure Centre mast to a communications mast has been lost due to intervening development. A replacement mast is proposed, set at the edge of the flat roofed building as illustrated on the image copied below.



The mast would project 7m above roof level, being attached at a street frontage corner of the building by a 3m high bracket arrangement affixed externally to the upper, cladded wall of the building. The mast would have a width of around 9cm.

The images below illustrate the position of proposed antenna in its context.

Position of proposed mast



The mast would be of a suitable, minimal design, to suit its function, which is a requirement of Policy GP3. It would be a visible feature and would add a little clutter to the townscape; however, its simple vertical line would not be significantly adverse to the general appearance of the area. Its prominence would be mitigated to a degree by the screening or back-drop effect of mature trees.

The importance of maintaining good communication links is a material consideration in determining the application.

Recommendation:

That planning permission be Granted subject to the following conditions:

Conditions:

1. The development must be begun within three years of the date of this decision.

2. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the application drawings, namely: Location Plan ('Lease Plan'); Figure 1.6; Ariel mast dimensions; Radio antenna dimensions; and Figure 1.8, in 'rapier systems' document.

Reason

1. Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
2. To ensure that the development remains in accordance with the development plan.

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