

District Councillor's Report

Penyghent Ward



May 2022

Councillor Robert Ogden



Ward Member Grant Scheme

The 2022/23 Ward Member Grant Scheme is now open to applications from Monday 9th May. The total pot for Penyghent Ward stands at £1000, the same as previous years.



In my first year as a councillor, the money was allocated to the following three projects:

- 1. Giggleswick Mother's Union Playgroup – new play carpet (£100)**
- 2. Stainforth Village Hall - Exterior Improvements (£600)**
- 3. Settle Ingleton Bentham Mobile Rural Watch – Radio Equipment (£300)**

The Ward Member Grants is a scheme run by Craven District Council that enables councillors to dish out small grants to local community groups. I think it is an excellent opportunity to help those small groups that make a real difference in Penyghent. The scheme for 2022/23 will reopen in May 2022, and it will be the final opportunity to gain grants from Craven District Council before it is abolished. I strongly encourage you or your local community group to apply for funding when it opens! To find out more, and access the application form, please visit the CDC website using the following link:

<https://www.cravendc.gov.uk/community-living/grants-community-projects/craven-district-council-ward-member-grants/>

Lord's Close Development, Giggleswick

I have still received no news on the Lord's Close development (**reference: 2021/23539/FUL**) in Giggleswick, despite making enquiries which I reported in last month's district councillor's report. I have followed this up more recently with further enquiries, and also made the council chief executive aware of the communication issues between myself and the planning department. We are now more than two months past the determination deadline. The longer this drags on, the worse the uncertainty is for our community. I will continue to raise this delay with the planning department.

Correspondence

Proposed Craven Bank Radio Station

In April, I received an email from GallifordTry / Cornerstone informing me of a proposal to renovate the radio base station on land near Crofts Close, Giggleswick. I indicated my support for the project. Below are the important highlights from that letter:

“Cornerstone have identified this site as suitable for an equipment upgrade for Telefonica. 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, Cornerstone are committed to consultation with communities for mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of Vodafone’s network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for the upgrade of this existing base station to provide improved network services to this area of Giggleswick.

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

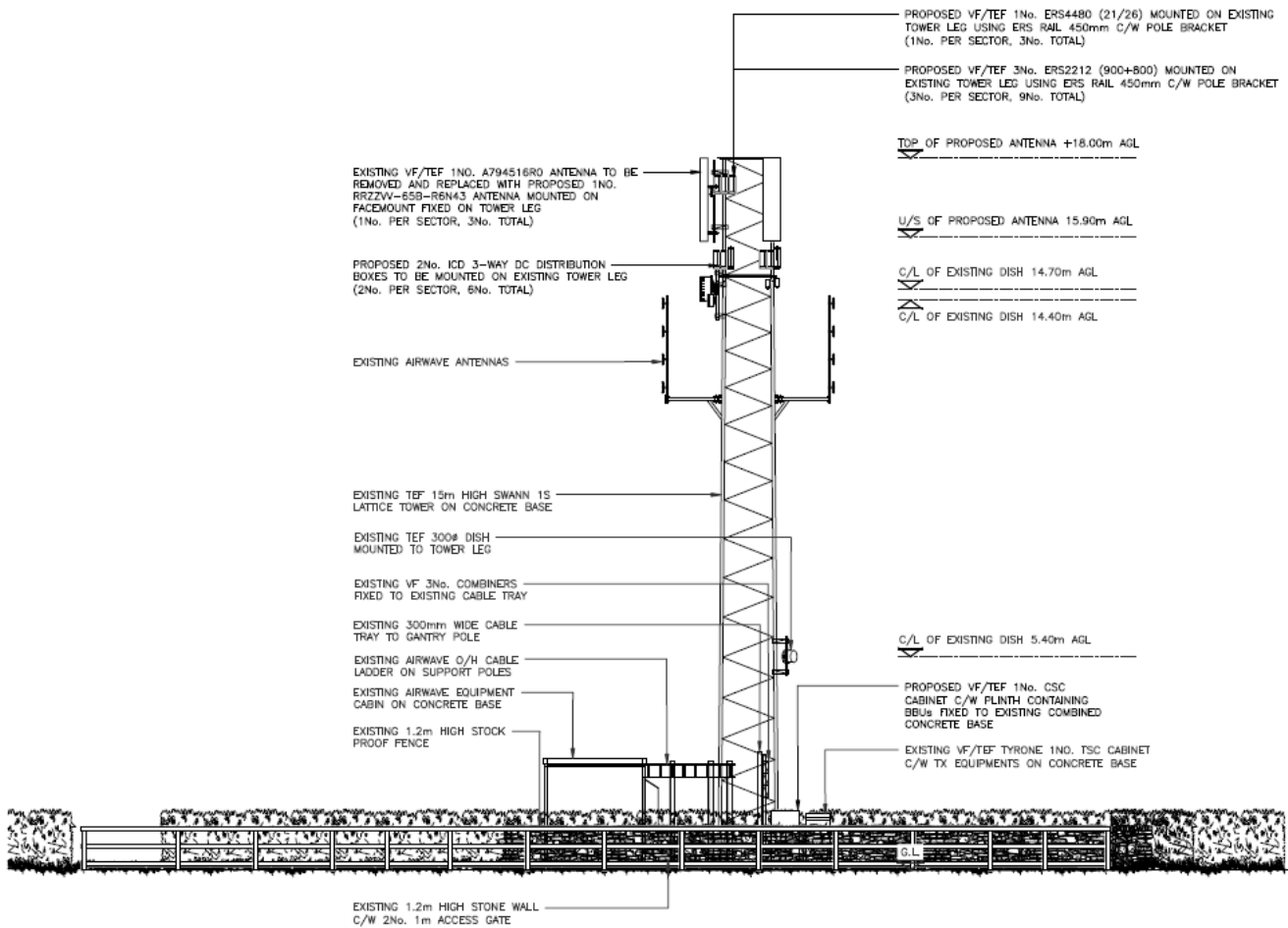
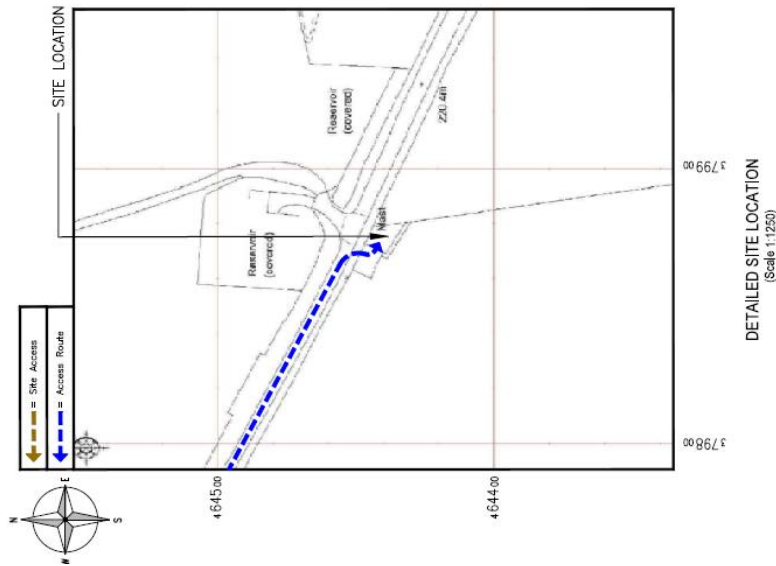
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- The removal of the existing antennas and their replacement with three antennas and associated radio units and ancillary works thereto including replacement equipment cabinets.*

These development works have been sited and designed to minimise the impact of these upgrade development works so far as practicable whilst providing significant enhancement in 4G and new 5G services.

All Vodafone 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.”

PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE EXISTING BASE STATION SITE ADJACENT TO CRAVEN BANK LANE, NEAR CROFTS CLOSE, GIGGLESWICK, NORTH YORKSHIRE, BD24 0DS (NGR: 379875,464439)



SOUTH WEST ELEVATION PROPOSED
(1:100)

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If you have any queries, or would like to report an issue, please contact me using my email address:

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