

Application Form for Prior Notification of Proposed Development in Respect of Permitted Development by Telecommunications Code Systems Operators

Schedule 2, part 16 of

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Certain forms of telecommunication development, for example, mobile telephone masts, are known as 'permitted development' and subject to prior approval from the local planning authority.

The prior approval procedure means that the principle of development is not an issue. The LPA can only consider the siting and appearance of the proposal.

The local planning authority has 56 days in which to let the mast operators know of its' decision on whether prior approval is required for siting and appearance and to let the operator know of its decision to allow or refuse approval.

There is no power to extend the 56 day period.

The prior approval process applies, with the limitations detailed in the legislation, to:

- a) the installation, alteration or replacement of any electronic communications apparatus,
- b) the use of land in an emergency for a period not exceeding 18 months to station and operate moveable electronic communications apparatus required for the replacement of unserviceable electronic communications apparatus, including the provision of moveable structures on the land for the purposes of that use, or
- c) development ancillary to radio equipment housing.

View the full text of the legislation.

(link to: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2016/1040/contents/made>)

[View the Statutory Instrument 2016/1040](#)

For more information, refer to refer to the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) and the [Mobile Phone Network Development: Code of Best Practice](#).