

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

Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 1995 Schedule 2, part 24

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.

Class A development is permitted, but subject to prior approval, on:

(a) Protected land

- However, prior approval does not apply to ground-based masts which when altered or replaced would not exceed the greater of the height of the existing mast and 15m above ground level.

(b) Unprotected land consisting of the installation, alteration, or replacement:

- of a mast
 - However prior approval does not apply to ground-based masts which when altered or replaced would not exceed the greater of the height of the existing mast and 20m above ground level.
- an antenna (including any supporting structure) which exceeds the height of the building or structure (other than a mast) by 6 metres or more at the point of where it is installed or to be installed
- a public call box
- radio equipment housing with a volume of 2.5 cubic metres
- development ancillary to radio equipment housing (for example, fences, walls, handrails, steps and ramps, and security equipment)