PL/19/1020/RM | Installation of a 20m high monopole including 2nos. dishes and 2nos. cabinets. | Telecommunication Site EE 78248 Entrance To Miller and Carter Bath Road Taplow, Maidenhead Buckinghamshire SL6 0AJ

The Hitcham and Taplow Society objects to this application.

The Society has been in existence for over 50 years. It has a main objective to ensure that all development within the district is of the highest standard and preserves the quality of the environment. It represents a significant proportion of the residents of Taplow.

The A4 already suffers from a surfeit of road signage and advertising clutter and does not need such an unsightly addition. The site diagrams are of very small scale but it appears that the location is very adjacent to the cycleway now under construction. As such it offers an unnecessary risk of collision to cyclists.

Whilst we are all in favour of good mobile coverage, the justification for this particular mast is to improve service to the train line. As such it would be far more satisfactory to site the mast on Network Rail land. If the mast were to be moved to the embankment closer to the station the applicant would achieve his objective, Network Rail would be contributing to the improved service for its passengers and the mast would be visually lost amongst the gantries of the rail line. Taplow would be spared yet more clutter. The application should be rejected in its present form and re-presented along these lines.

Roger Worthington, Secretary Hitcham and Taplow Society c/o Littlemere, River Road, Taplow SL6 0BB