



Our Ref: 206390

Cripplegate Ward Councillors

[via email](#)

17th December 2018

Dear Councillors,

PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT BOWATER HOUSE, FANN STREET, GOLDEN LANE ESTATE, LONDON EC1Y 0RJ. T (CELL REF: 206390) (NGR E: 532248/N:182070)

Telefónica UK Limited has entered into an agreement with Vodafone Limited pursuant to which the two companies plan to jointly operate and manage a single network grid across the UK. These arrangements will be overseen by Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL) which is a joint venture company owned by Telefónica UK Limited and Vodafone Limited.

This agreement allows both organisations to:

- Pool their basic network infrastructure, while running two, independent, nationwide networks
- Maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development.

CTIL and Telefónica and Vodafone are in the process of identifying a suitable site in this area for a radio base station. The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before any planning submission is made. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, CTIL Vodafone and Telefónica are committed to consultation with communities on our mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of Telefónica's and Vodafone's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a radio base station at this location to improve capacity in the area.

Mobiles can only work with a network of base stations in place where people want to use their mobile phones or other wireless devices. Without base stations, the mobile phones and other devices we rely on simply won't work.

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Please find below the details of the proposed site and the alternative site options considered and discounted in our site selection process: -

Our technical network requirement is as follows:

- **BOWATER HOUSE, FANN STREET, GOLDEN LANE ESTATE, LONDON EC1Y 0RJ**
- There is a need for a site in this area due to the lease being terminated at Florin Court, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6BD. A replacement site is therefore required as close to this site as possible to ensure that the coverage levels are at least maintained.

A number of options have been assessed in respect of the site search process and the preferred Telefónica and Vodafone is as follows:

- **BOWATER HOUSE, FANN STREET, GOLDEN LANE ESTATE, LONDON EC1Y 0RJ**
- *The proposal is for 12 pole mounted antennas and 4No. 0.3 metre dishes and 8 No. cabinets and associated development on the roof of an existing building.*

We are aware that the site is Grade II listed. The equipment has been kept to the lowest height to achieve the required coverage and will allow 2 operators to share the site.

Alternative site options considered and rejected are as follows:

Site Type	Site name and address	National Grid Reference	Reason for not choosing site
Rooftop	Great Arthur House Golden Lane Estate, London EC1Y 0RE	532194/182072	Rooftop not suitable for installation and the building is too tall.
Rooftop	Peabody House, Golden Lane Estate, London EC1Y 0RU	532293/182152	This is located too far from the target coverage area.
Rooftop	Cripplegate House, 1 Golden Lane, London EC1Y 0RR.	532262/181978	Not a suitable option due to roof structure.

All Telefónica and 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. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance will be included within the planning submission.

In order to give you time to send your comments or request further information, we commit to allow at least 14 days before an application is submitted to the Local Planning Authority. This 14 day period starts from the date at the top of this letter.

We would also be grateful if you could please advise of any local stakeholders or groups that might like to make comments.

We look forward to receiving any comments you may have on the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. M. Skerrett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'M'.

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(for and on behalf of CTIL Vodafone and Telefónica UK Ltd)

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