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Dear

RE: PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION WITH HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL RE PROPOSED H3G BASE STATION AT: HARTLEY SHOPPING CENTRE, CHERRY TREES, HARTLEY

Hutchison 3G UK (H3G), trading as 3, is in the process of securing a suitable site in the Hartley area for a new mobile radio base station. The purpose of this letter, and its enclosures, is to invite your comments on our proposals in your capacity as a representative of the Parish Council for this particular area.

Several steps in the Site Identification process have already been undertaken. A search for existing masts has been undertaken and our records of other mobile operator's sites have been reviewed and considered. The policies in the development plan have been taken into account and the planning history of the site has been examined.

Please find below the details of the option that is felt, after consultation with the Local Planning Authority, to be the best solution and the alternative options considered in the 'search area.'

Site Requirement

Nominal Number	DA0128
Site Objective	To provide coverage to the Hartley area in order to meet coverage requirements.

Suitable Options

Candidate A - Prime Site (preferred option)

Site Name	Hartley Shopping Centre
NGR (approx)	E 560750 N167750
Type of Installation	Flagpole on rooftop with ground based equipment cabinet and ancillary development thereto.
Justification behind choice	This site will enable a sensitive design to be incorporated which will have minimum impact whilst ensuring technical requirements can be met.
Traffic Light Model Rating	Amber

DISCOUNTED OPTIONS

Candidate B

Site Name	Hartley Country Club, Culvey Close
NGR	E 560352 N167598
Type of Installation	Rooftop
Reason for unsuitability	A proposal here would have involved swapping out an existing flagpole. The nature of the surrounding flora and height of the trees rendered the proposal unacceptable to meet coverage requirements due to anticipated interference.
Traffic Light Model Rating	Amber

Candidate C

Site Name	Junction of Woodland Avenue and Larks Field
NGR	E 560875 N168188

Type of Installation	Ground based streetworks
Reason for Unsuitability	This site was discounted as the land slopes away from the village centre and it would not be able to provide coverage to the desired area.
Traffic Light Model Rating	Amber

Candidate D

Site Name	Comer of Manor Lane and Church Road
NGR	E 560965 N 167422
Type of Installation	Ground based streetworks
Reason for Unsuitability	It was considered that this location would compromise residential amenity and there were a number of large trees surrounding which would affect the signal.
Traffic Light Model Rating	Red

Candidate E

Site Name	Junction of Culvey Close and Ash Lane
NGR	E 560465 N167533
Type of Installation	Ground based streetworks
Reason for Unsuitability	This site did not fall on highways land and would be prominent to a number of residential properties. It was also anticipated that this location may impede the line of sight on the highway.
Traffic Light Model Rating	Red

Candidate F

Site Name	Westwood Car & Commercial, Ash Road
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NGR	E 560520 N167545
Type of Installation	Ground based
Reason for Unsuitability	It is considered that a location here would be obtrusive to residential properties and that there would be interference, from surrounding trees.
Traffic Light Model Rating	Red

Candidate G

Site Name	Home Stables, Church Road
NGR	E 560990 N167327
Type of Installation	Ground based
Reason for Unsuitability	The site provider was not interested in the proposal and this site is also too far outside the search area.
Traffic Light Model Rating	Red

We enclose a scale plan (1:25,000) of the area identifying the option sites and a more detailed location plan identifying the preferred option (Candidate A). Also included is a photo of a flagpole type installation similar to that proposed.

Should you require any additional information in respect of the above proposals, or feel that a meeting would be helpful then please do not hesitate to contact me in order that I may make the necessary arrangements. This will give H3G the best opportunity to consider comments and incorporate them as best we can in our site selection and design process. Further general information can be found either on-line at www.three.co.uk or by telephoning the H3G base station information line on 08707 330333.

We would also value the opportunity to widen the consultation process and if you can advise us of any local stakeholders or groups that might like to make comments on our proposals, we will let them have details of our proposals. Enclosed is a copy of the consultation plan which details those who have been notified of H3G's proposals. We would be very grateful if you would pass details on to us of any other parties you consider should be consulted.

We intend to submit the application to the local planning authority after a minimum of 14 days from the date of this letter.

Yours faithfully

For King Sturge
On behalf of Hutchison 3G

Encs: Scale plan (1:25,000) illustrating location of sites considered
Map illustrating location of preferred option (Candidate A)
Consultation plan
Photo of a flagpole type installation