

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**Arun District Council
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INTRODUCTION

This is one of a series of Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes (SPGs) prepared by the Local Planning Authority to provide additional advice regarding the planning issues concerning telecommunications development. The SPG is non-statutory but is a material consideration the Council will take into account when considering an application.

This guidance was adopted in October 2000, subsequent to the review of the Arun District Local Plan. This document should be read in conjunction with Policy DEV41, "Telecommunications", of the Arun District Local Plan 2003. Any future updates to this document will be placed on Arun District Council's website, www.arun.gov.uk.

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1.1 Government advice on planning for telecommunications is set out in Planning Policy Guidance Note 8, 'Telecommunications'; and Circular 4/99, 'Planning for Telecommunications'. The Government's general policy is to facilitate the growth of new and existing systems, whilst maintaining commitment to environmental objectives. There continues to be a need to protect the best and most sensitive environments, whilst the policy criteria should be flexible enough to allow for the efficient development of the telecommunications network.

SATELLITE DISHES

1.2 Planning permission for satellite dishes will normally be granted where they are located on rear elevations of a building or in the rear garden. Where they are acceptable, in principle, on the front or side elevations they should be of a design, size and colour which minimises the impact on the appearance of the building or street scene.

1.3 Inappropriately sited satellite dishes, or a profusion of such dishes, in a street scene can materially detract from the appearance of an area.

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1.4 Permission for telecommunications development will normally be granted, provided that:

- (i) there are no satisfactory alternative sites for telecommunications available;
- (ii) alternatives have been investigated, including the possibility of mast sharing and mounting the antennae required on existing buildings or other structures;

- (iii) the proposal will not have an unacceptable effect on areas identified as important for landscape, nature conservation, historic or architectural reasons;
- (iv) the proposal will not have an adverse effect on the amenity of local residents;
- (v) proposals include full details of all new landscaping, screening, and of any trees or vegetation to be retained on the site. In addition, details of a satisfactory scheme to return the site to its former or improved condition once operations have ceased are also required;
- (vi) proposals include full details of the design and external appearance of the development, including siting, colour and materials;
- (vii) proposals include full details of associated developments, including access roads and other ancillary buildings to service the development and their likely impact upon the environment.
- (viii) Proposals should have regard to Circular 2/92, which sets out safeguarding criteria in relation to aerodromes.

Guidelines published by the National Radiological Protection Board in respect of electromagnetic fields, will be taken into account in assessing proposals.