

Telecommunications

In terms of general telephone communications, there is a legal requirement that copper wire telephone services are provided to all new developments. It is therefore assumed that there will be no issue with the provision of telephone services to new development.

Policy C2: Telecommunications

1. 1. When considering notifications, planning applications and prior approval applications, regard will be given to the following factors:
 - a. operational requirements of the telecommunication networks and the technical limitations of the technology, including any technical constraints on the location of telecommunications apparatus;
 - b. the need for the ICNIRP Guidelines (and any other relevant guidance in place at the time of the application) for safe emissions to be met;
 - c. the potential for sharing existing masts, buildings and other structures;
 - d. the impact of the development on its surroundings with particular regard to the following criteria:
 - i. the visual amenity, character or appearance of the surrounding area.
 - ii. apparatus and associated structures sited on a building should be sited and designed in order to seek to minimise impact to the external appearance of the host building.
 - iii. development should not have an unacceptable effect on conservation areas or buildings of architectural or historic interest or areas of ecological interest or areas of landscape value or sites of archaeological importance.
 - iv. the proposed provision of landscaping.
2. Telecommunications equipment that has become obsolete or that is no longer in use should be removed as soon as practicable and the site restored to its former condition.

Detailed evidence and justification for any new site should accompany any application made to the local planning authority. To support this, the Council will update its existing Telecommunications SPG.