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Dear Secretary,

**Proposed base station installation at:**

**Ref:** CTIL207423 / TEF076797

**Address:** Land adjacent to School Road, Peterculter, Aberdeen, AB14 0RE

**Grid Ref:** 383955, 801304

**Pre-application consultation**

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

Telefónica is in the process of progressing a suitable site in your local 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, the operator is committed to consultation with communities on our mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond. Consultation has been undertaken with the Development Control Department, Councillors, Community Council, MP, MSP and neighbours.

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. As part of Telefónica's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a radio base station to provide improved 2G, 3G and 4G coverage to those living, working and travelling within Peterculter

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

The technical network requirement is as follows:

Cell Ref: Telefónica 076797

Requirement: 2G, 3G & 4G network coverage

The proposal incorporates the installation of the following:

- 20m high street furniture style monopole incorporating 3No. GRP shrouded antennas
- 2No. 300mm dish
- 3No. remote radio units (298x127x351mm)
- 3No. cabinets (2No. 1300x700x1450mm; 1No. 600x600x1683mm)
- All ancillary development

All equipment will be coloured as per standard manufacturer specification, i.e. the mast and transmission equipment will be RAL7035; cabinetry will be RAL6009 Fir Green. However, any suggested alternative that the Council, as Local Planning Authority, may prefer could be incorporated. Please refer to the attached planning drawings to assist you in identifying the site and the subject proposal.

Prior to settling on the preferred Telefónica option outlined above, several alternative site options were assessed but subsequently discounted. A table providing details of all previously considered sites has been appended to this correspondence. Should any party wish to make any further suggestions these would be gratefully received and all reasonable suggestions will be investigated.

All Telefónica 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.

We would also be grateful if you could please advise of any local stakeholders or groups that might like to make comments or know more about this proposal and, 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 look forward to receiving your comments and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely



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**For and on behalf of CTIL and Telefónica UK Ltd**

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