

*Dear Cllr. Rob Wood,*

*Thank you for your email. My profound apologies for the prolonged delay in responding to your email. The pandemic and ensuing actions thereafter requiring everyone's attention/action are partly to blame for this matter going under my radar.*

*On the matter at hand, the General Permitted Development Order grants planning permission for the installation of antennae and cabinets subject to conditions. The need to apply to the Council for a determination as to whether the prior approval of the authority is required as to a very prescriptive list of considerations allowing determination. Such determinations are also time limited, meaning if a decision is not reached within the prescribed timeframe prior approval is automatically granted.*

*Due to the prescriptive nature of those matters that can be determined, and the risk of automatic approval associated with delay 'Prior Notification' applications of this type are determined under delegated authority rather than by the Planning Committee. While we are working towards virtual committees that will not be available before 22nd April. Realistically we might have something working in May, but it is dependent on democratic services and IT.*

*As far as the Council can take account of the concerns that have been raised, in line with this national legislation, Officers will of course do so in determining the application on or before 22nd April.*

*I trust that this advice is useful in assisting to understand how these applications are managed.*

*Kind Regards,*

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