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HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: North Area Planning Applications Committee

Date: 13 June 2017

Report Title: 16/05067/FUL – BT Openreach

Land 18 M N Of Raasay Community Hall

Isle Of Raasay

Supplementary Report No 1

Report By: Area Planning Manager (North)

Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 Description of development : Proposed 16m Radio Monopole with 2 x 0.6m dishes and equipment cabinet.

Ward: 10 - Eilean A' Cheò (Ward 11 prior to 4 May 2017)

Category: Local development

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Reason(s) Referred to Committee: Community Council Objection

All relevant matters have been taken into account when appraising this application. It is considered that the proposal accords with the principles and policies contained within the Development Plan and is acceptable in terms of all other applicable material considerations.

2. Recommendations

2.2 Members are asked to agree the recommendation to grant as set out in section 11 of the report.

3. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

- 3.1 This application seeks full planning permission for the erection of a 16m high telecommunications monopole, with two 600mm diameter microwave dishes and an equipment cabinet. The proposal forms part of BT's super-fast broadband delivery programme to remote areas of the Highlands.
- 3.2 No pre-application consultation occurred.
- 3.3 **Variations**: The submitted elevational drawing has been amended to correct an inaccurate photomontage of the monopole drawing no. SHT 03 Rev. A, lodged 20.01.2017

4. SITE DESCRIPTION

4.1 The site comprises the north eastern corner of the car park for the Raasay Community Hall. It lies to the south of existing housing at School Park, and to the west of the public road.

5. PLANNING HISTORY

- This application was previously reported to the North Area Planning committee on 21st February 2017 via Report No. PLN/024/17, which is appended to this report as Annexe 1, and which recommended that the Committee granted the application, subject to the conditions detailed therein.
- 5.2 The minutes of the 21st February meeting state that:
 - "Members' comments included the following:
 - •BT had not consulted with the local Community Council who had been happy to have a mast but not in this location.
 - The Committee agreed to DEFER the application to allow the local Community Council the opportunity to be consulted by the Applicant."
- 5.3 The applicant met Representatives of Raasay Community Council on 29 March 2017. The applicant's report of this meeting, and the Community Council's response following the meeting, are available to view on the Council's eplanning portal which can be accessed through the internet www.wam.highland.gov.uk/wam. Access to computers can be made available via Planning and Development Service offices.
- The applicant's position as set out at this meeting is that other possible locations for the monopole were either more visually imposing and/or would not achieve full functionality due to compromised line of sight. The applicant states that the chosen location whilst needing a 16m pole would have roughly 8m hidden behind existing banking when looking seaward from most angles, and the remaining height would not likely exceed the high point of the gable end of the nearest house.
- .5 The Community Council have advised that, having discussed what was said at the meeting with the applicant, they wish to maintain their objection.
- The application was deferred to enable the applicants to consult with the community council. As set out above this has not resulted in the community council's original concerns being resolved. The planning authority's assessment and recommendation of approval subject to conditions and reasons remains unaltered as set out in its original report to the February committee..

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 All relevant matters have been taken into account when appraising this application. It is considered that the proposal accords with the principles and policies contained within the Development Plan and is acceptable in terms of all other applicable material considerations.

7. IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Resource Not applicable
- 7.2 Legal –Not applicable
- 7.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) –Not applicable
- 7.4 Climate Change/Carbon Clever –Not applicable
- 7.5 Risk Not applicable
- 7.6 Gaelic Not applicable

8. RECOMMENDATION

Action required before decision issued N

Subject to the above, it is recommended the application be **Granted** subject to the conditions and reasons as set out in its original report to the February committee.

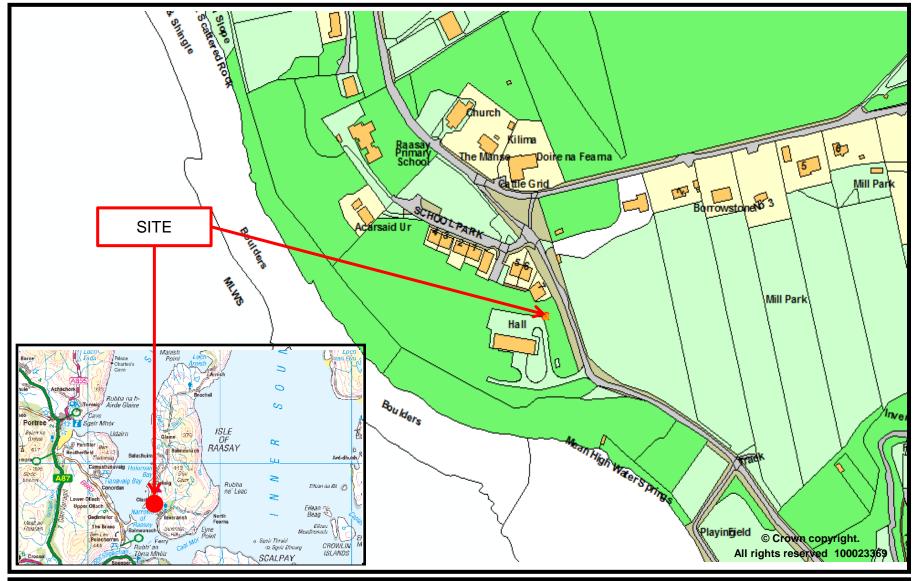
Signature: Dafydd Jones

Designation: Area Planning Manager - North

Author: Graham Sharp

Background Papers: Documents referred to in report and in case file.

Relevant Plans: previous committee report



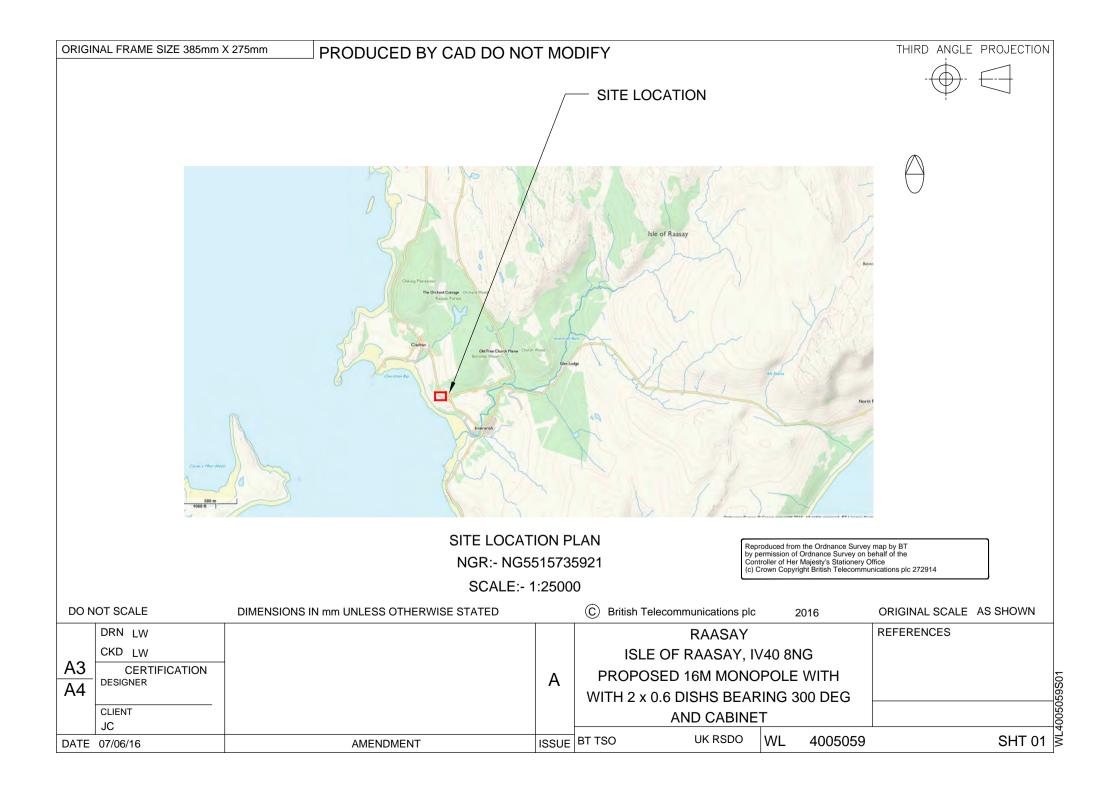


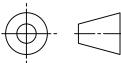
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Location Plan

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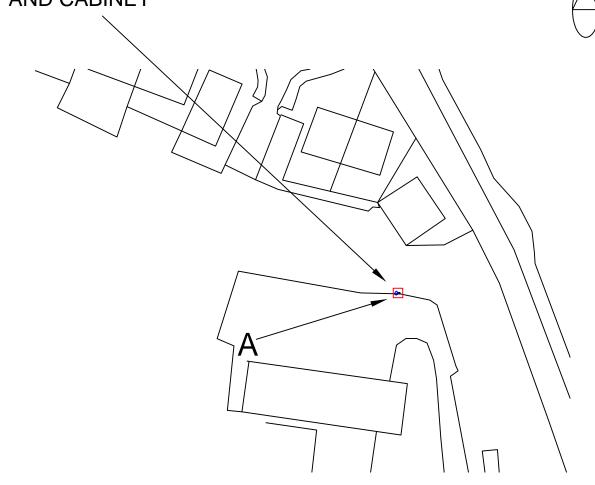


PROPOSED 16m MONOPOLE WITH 2 X 0.6 DISH FACING 300 DEG AND CABINET



SITE LOCATION PLAN SCALE:- 1:2000

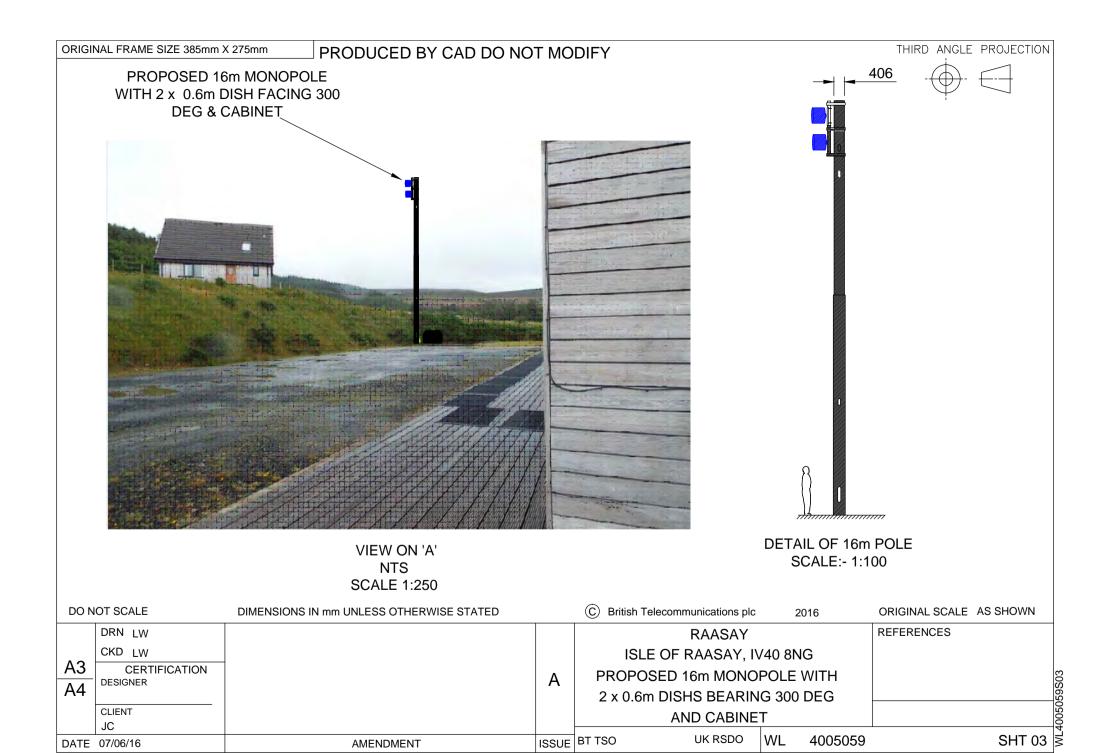
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