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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: PROPOSED VODAFONE AND TELEFONICA O2 MAST SHARE AT: EXISTING VODAFONE INSTALLATION (13152), PAVEMENT OF VICTORIA AVENUE, HIGHER BLACKLEY, MANCHESTER, M9 8WQ

This is a full planning application, and notice in accordance with the electronic communications code under the Telecommunications Act 1984 Schedule 2 as amended by the Communications Act 2003, for permission for the development of:

The removal and upgrading of the existing 16.6 metre Vodafone installation to be replaced with the installation of a 17.5 metre high shareable street pole housing 6 no. antennas, 1 no. additional radio equipment cabinets and ancillary development at the pavement of Victoria Avenue, Higher Blackley, Manchester, M9 8WQ (NGR E384661 N404183);

The Vodafone Group has formed a strategic partnership with the Telefónica Group to share mobile assets here in the UK and across Europe. In the UK this means Vodafone will be working closely together with O2. In essence this agreement allows both organisations to:

- Consolidate the number of base stations required through sharing which is in accordance with Government Policy
- Significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development

Vodafone and O2 will continue to compete in the telecoms market to retain and win customers and both will continue to differentiate themselves on the quality of the customer experience. Although they're sharing infrastructure, they'll operate entirely independently as businesses with separate network strategies. Accordingly the key focus will be on the joint build of new sites and consolidation of existing 2G and 3G sites.

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The application comprises:

- Planning Application form and certificates
- Copy of Developer's Notice, and proof of delivery
- Planning drawings - Ref. No's: 13152/C/001/B, 002/A, 003/B, 004/B, 005/A & 006/A;
- Prescribed fee - £335 (Cheque made payable to Manchester City Council)
- General Background Information for Telecommunications Development
- Site Specific Supplementary Information
- Health and Mobile Phone Base Stations document
- Design and Access Statement
- GIS Coverage Plots
- ICNIRP declaration & clarification statement

As you will be aware, the telecommunications industry has pledged in the Code of Best Practice for Mobile Phone Network Development (November 2002) to improved consultation with Local Planning Authorities and the public in relation to network development and the siting of radio base stations. This application has been prepared in accordance with those commitments.

Following that early consultation, we have reviewed our network development proposals in this area and have evaluated potential site shares, existing structures and buildings in a sequential approach, as well as your development plan. The above site that is the subject of this application, is identified as the most suitable site option and design that balances operational need with local planning policies and national planning policy guidance.

Furthermore Vodafone would like to assist the council and would like to arrange a presentation or meeting with your officers and members to discuss the issues if appropriate.

We are committed to improving our relationship with all Local Planning Authorities and we would be happy to provide any additional information in relation to this application or in general.

We look forward to receiving your acknowledgement and decision in due course.

Yours faithfully

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For and on behalf of Vodafone Ltd

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