

# **Report to Planning Committee**

## 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Application Reference	PD/21/01697
Application Received	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Application Description	Proposed 15m phase 8 monopole, c/w
	wrapround cabinet at base and associated
	ancillary works.
Application Address	Woden Road North, Wednesbury.
Applicant	Hutchison UK Ltd, Star House, 20 Grenfell
	Road, Maidenhead, SL6 1EH.
Ward	Wednesbury North
Contact Officer	Name: Mr Anjan Dey
	anjan_dey@sandwell.gov.uk

#### 1 Recommendations

1.1 That Prior Approval in respect of siting and appearance is granted.

#### 2 Reasons for Recommendations

2.1 The proposed monopole is appropriate in scale and the proposed siting and appearance is considered to be acceptable and would not have a significant impact on public visual amenity.



















#### 3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?



A connected and accessible Sandwell – the proposal meets the Councils aspirations to improve digital infrastructure within the Borough

#### 4 Context

- 4.1 This application is being reported to your Planning Committee because Councillor Peter Hughes has requested this and also a number of neighbour objections has been generated.
- 4.2 To assist members with site context, a link to Google Maps is provided below:

Woden Road North, Wednesbury

#### 5 Key Considerations

- 5.1 The site is Council owned and is unallocated within the development plan.
- 5.2 The material planning considerations which are relevant to this application are:-

Government policy (NPPF) Local policy Public visual amenity

### 6. The Application Site

6.1 This site is essentially highway land/grass verge, and is owned by the Council, located on the southern side of Woden Road North, Wednesbury. The surrounding area is largely residential in character



















with some commercial uses interspersed; the Myvod Public House is a short distance away.

#### 7. Planning History

7.1 There is no relevant planning history.

### 8. Application Details

8.1 This application is seeking prior approval for the siting and appearance of a Proposed 15m phase 8 monopole, c/w wrapround cabinet at base and associated ancillary works. These proposed telecommunication works are to provide 5G network coverage in the area. The application has been made under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) – Schedule 2, Part 16, Class A.

### 9. Publicity

9.1 The application has been publicised by neighbour notification letter and site notices. At the time of writing 17 objections from local residents and objections have been submitted from Councillors Peter Hughes and Elaine Costigan. One representation in support has been submitted from a local resident.

## 9.2 **Objections**

Objections have been received on the following grounds:

- i. The monopole would be excessively high and would be out of keeping with the surrounding area;
- ii. The monopole should not be located on Council owned land and proximity to nearby schools;
- iii. Adequate neighbour consultation and publicity has not been carried out:
- iv. The monopole is a risk to public health.



















Immaterial objections have been raised regarding devaluation of property.

### 9.3 Responses to objections

I respond to the objector's comments in turn:

- (i) These monopoles are of a significant height by their nature and could be considered to be prominent in the street scene. In view of this the agent has reduce the height by 5 metres so the maximum height would be 15 metres. The original height was proposed at 20 metres. It also considered that there is some screening at the rear/side of the proposed location in the form of trees, bushes that would lessen its impact. Furthermore, the agent has confirmed an appropriate 'fir green' colour finish for the monopole and cabinet rather the usual grey finish. The agent has also stated that the proposed base cabinet is in its most condensed form.
- (ii) Corporate Property has confirmed that as statutory provider Hutchinson UK Limited do not require the consent of the landowner. The proposed location is around 160 metres away from the nearest school which is Albert Pritchard Infant school, which in my view is a significant distance away, particularly as the location and school are separated by dwellings and the Myvod pub.
- (iii) Extensive public Consultation has been carried out. This included all properties within 50 metres of the site have and 3 site notices have been posted in the locality. Furthermore, all Ward Councillors have been notified of the application.
- (iv) With reference to health concerns of the proposal. Paragraph 116 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states "Local planning authorities must determine applications on planning grounds only. They should not seek to prevent competition between different operators, question the need for an electronic communications system, or set health safeguards different from the International Commission guidelines for public exposure".



















The applicant has provided the appropriate ICNIRP Certificate confirming the proposal has been designed to be in full compliance with the requirement of the radio frequency (RF) public exposure guidelines of the International Commission on Non-Ironizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). As the proposal complies with the guidelines of the International Commission on Non-Ironizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), the proposal is in compliance with the NPPF and therefore health grounds are not material to the determination of this application.

### 9.4 Support

A representation in support of the proposals has been received from a resident of Churchfields Road, Wednesbury. It states that new technology to support local residents and businesses is welcomed.

#### 10. Consultee responses

There are no statutory consultation responses to report for this application.

## 11. National Planning Policy

- 11.1 National Planning Policy Framework promotes sustainable development but states that local circumstances should be taken into account to reflect the character, needs and opportunities for each area.
- 11.2 With reference to health concerns of the proposal. Paragraph 116 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states "Local planning authorities must determine applications on planning grounds only. They should not seek to prevent competition between different operators, question the need for an electronic communications system, or set health safeguards different from the International Commission guidelines for public exposure".



















### 12. Local Planning Policy

12.1 The following polices of the council's Development Plan are relevant:

SAD TEL 1 Telecommunication Antenna and Masts

12.2 SAD TEL 1 (Telecommunications Antenna and Masts) of the Site allocations and Delivery Plan Document requires equipment to be sympathetically designed to minimise the impact of the development on amenity. The height of the monopole has been reduced by 5 metres to 15 metres and although opportunities for screening are limited, there is existing screening to the rear and side of the proposed location. An appropriate 'fir green' colour finish for the monopole and base equipment has also been submitted and it is my view that the proposal complies with SAD TEL 1.

#### 13. Material Considerations

13.1 The material considerations relating to government policy (NPPF) and proposals within the Development Plan have been referred to above in Sections 11 and 12. With regards to the other considerations these are highlighted below:

### 13.2 Public Visual Amenity

It is considered that a reduction in height from 20 metres as originally proposed to 15 metres would lessen the visual impact of the proposed monopole. It has also been considered that there are trees and landscaping at the rear/side of the proposed location. The proposed 'fir green' colour finish would also improve the appearance of the telecoms monopole and ancillary equipment.

It is also noted that this type of proposal has been approved elsewhere in the borough, in residential areas for example at the junction of Oak Lane and Dartmouth Street, West Bromwich (PD/20/01582).



















### 14 Alternative Options

14.1 Refusal of application is an option if there are material planning reasons for doing so. In this instance it is considered that the proposal is appropriate in appearance and siting following the reduction in height and proposed colour treatment.

### 15 Implications

Resources:	When a planning application is refused the applicant has a right of appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, and they can make a claim for costs against the Council.
Legal and	This application is submitted under the Town and
Governance:	Country Planning Act 1990.
Risk:	None.
<b>Equality:</b>	There are no equality issues arising from this
	proposal and therefore an equality impact
	assessment has not been carried out.
Health and	Refer to sections 2.1 and 11.
Wellbeing:	
Social Value	None.

# 16. Appendices

Site block/plan. 210 A

Proposed planning layout. 210 A Proposed elevations. 260 Rev C















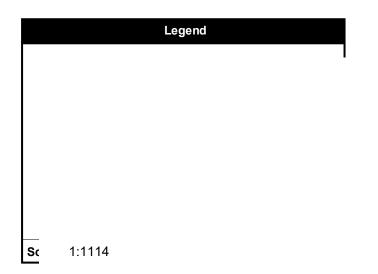






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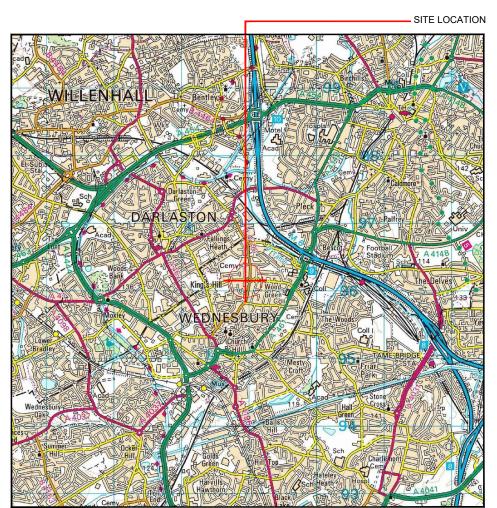




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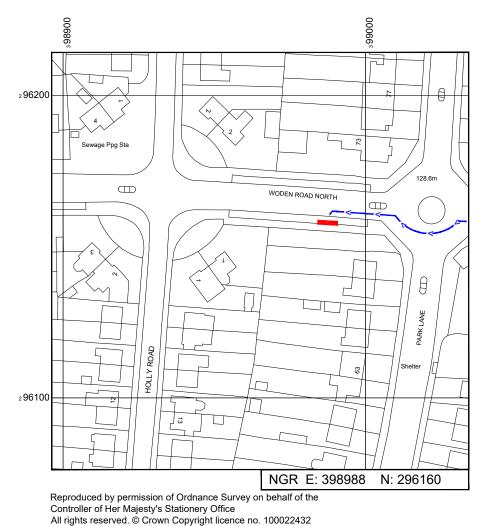
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SITE PHOTOGRAPH





#### SITE LOCATION PLAN

0 1:1250 25m 50



#### GOOGLE MAPS QR CODE

GOOGLE MAPS -https://goo.gl/maps/FmaUTtraepAtgAJV7

GOOGLE STREETVIEW -https://goo.gl/maps/znFUng6t4oFijcbw5

#### NOTES:

1. ALL DIMENSIONS IN MM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

#### DIRECTIONS TO SITE:

Head south on M6, At junction 9, take the A461 exit to Wednesbury, At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Wood Green Rd/A461, Turn right onto Myvod Road, Go through 1 roundabout, At the roundabout, continue straight onto Woden Road North, the site is located on the left hand side on the grass verge

Site Provider's Property Boundary:

Access Route To Site

Access Route

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002 SITE LOCATION PLAN

H3G 5G UNILATERAL

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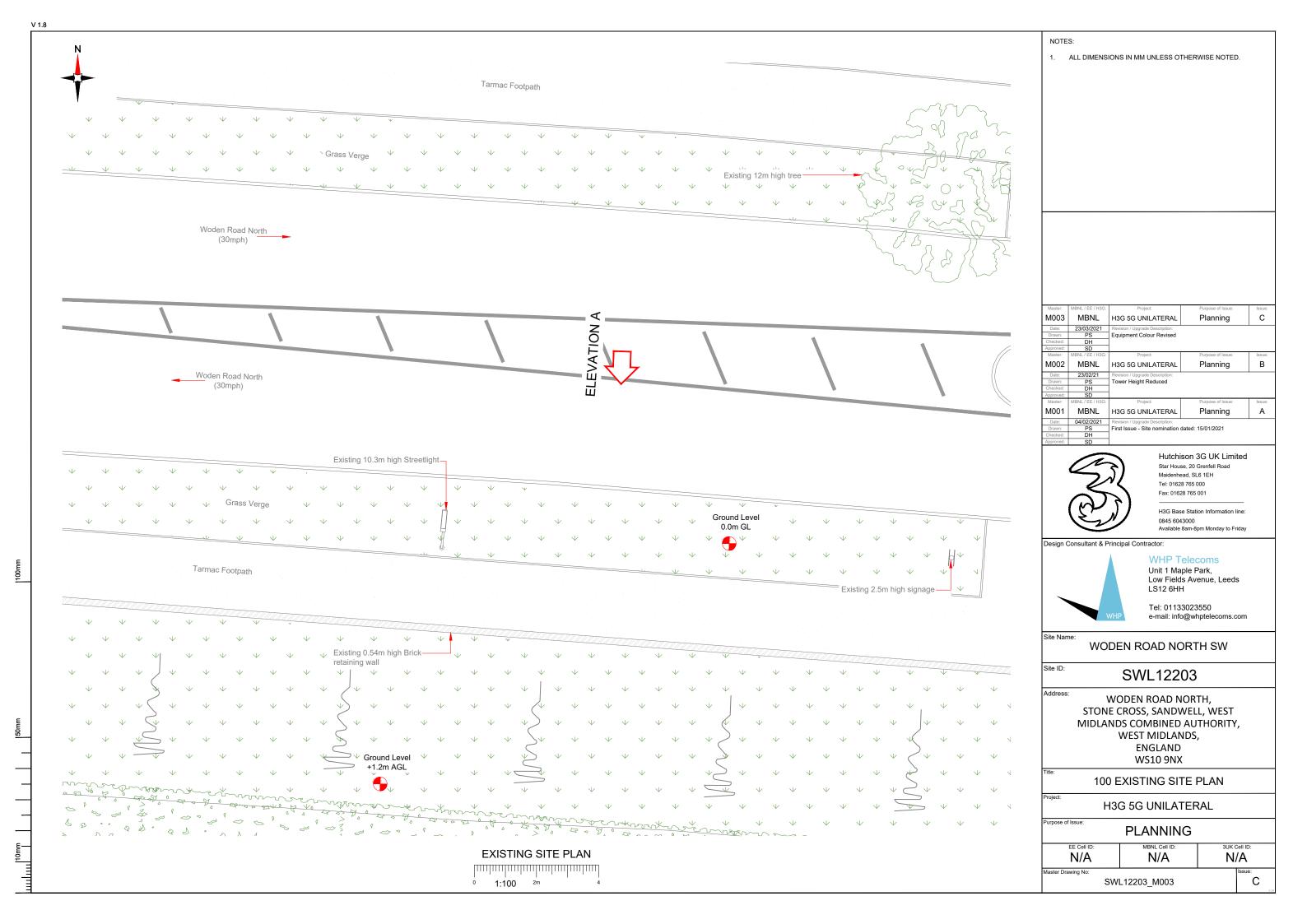
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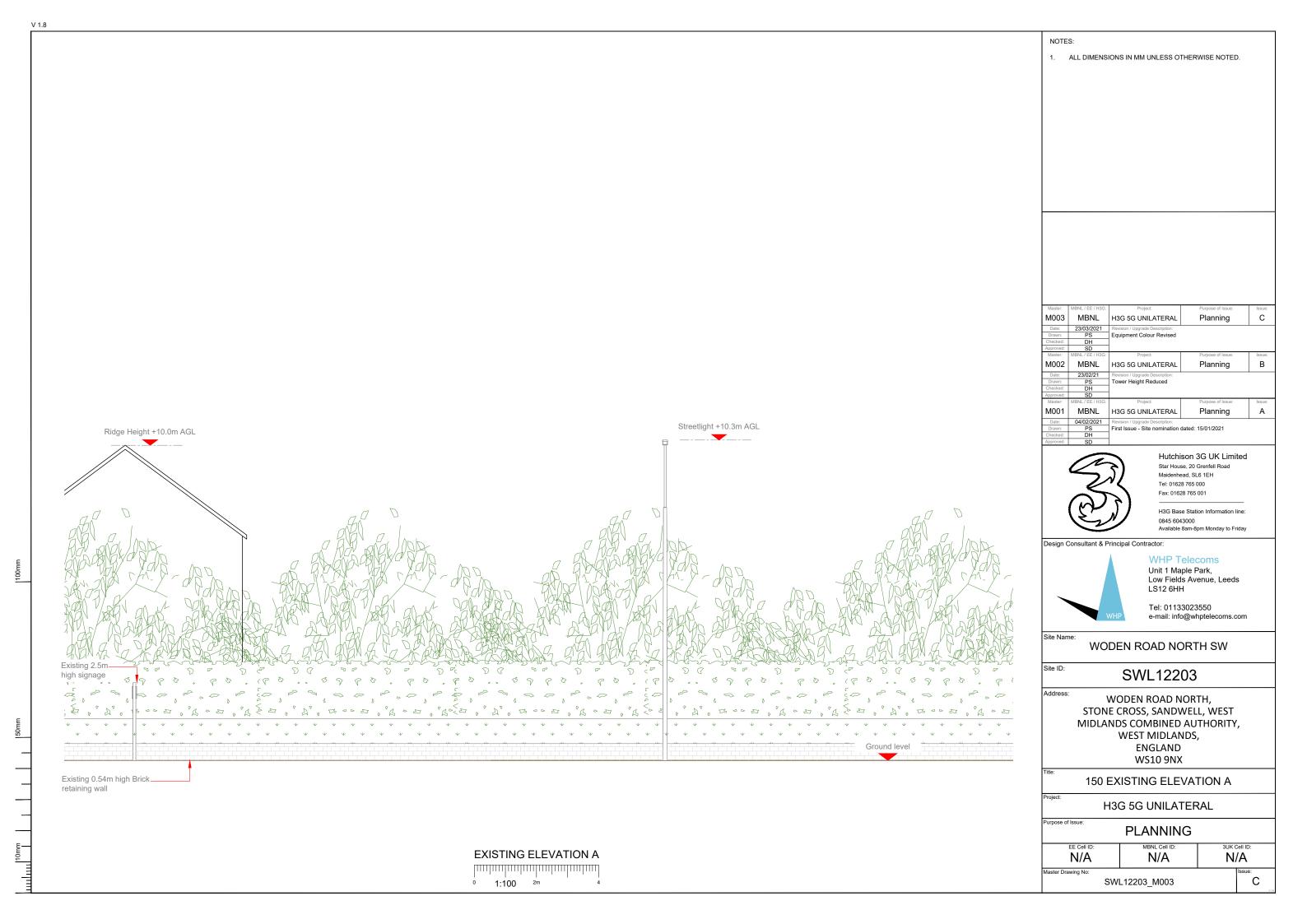
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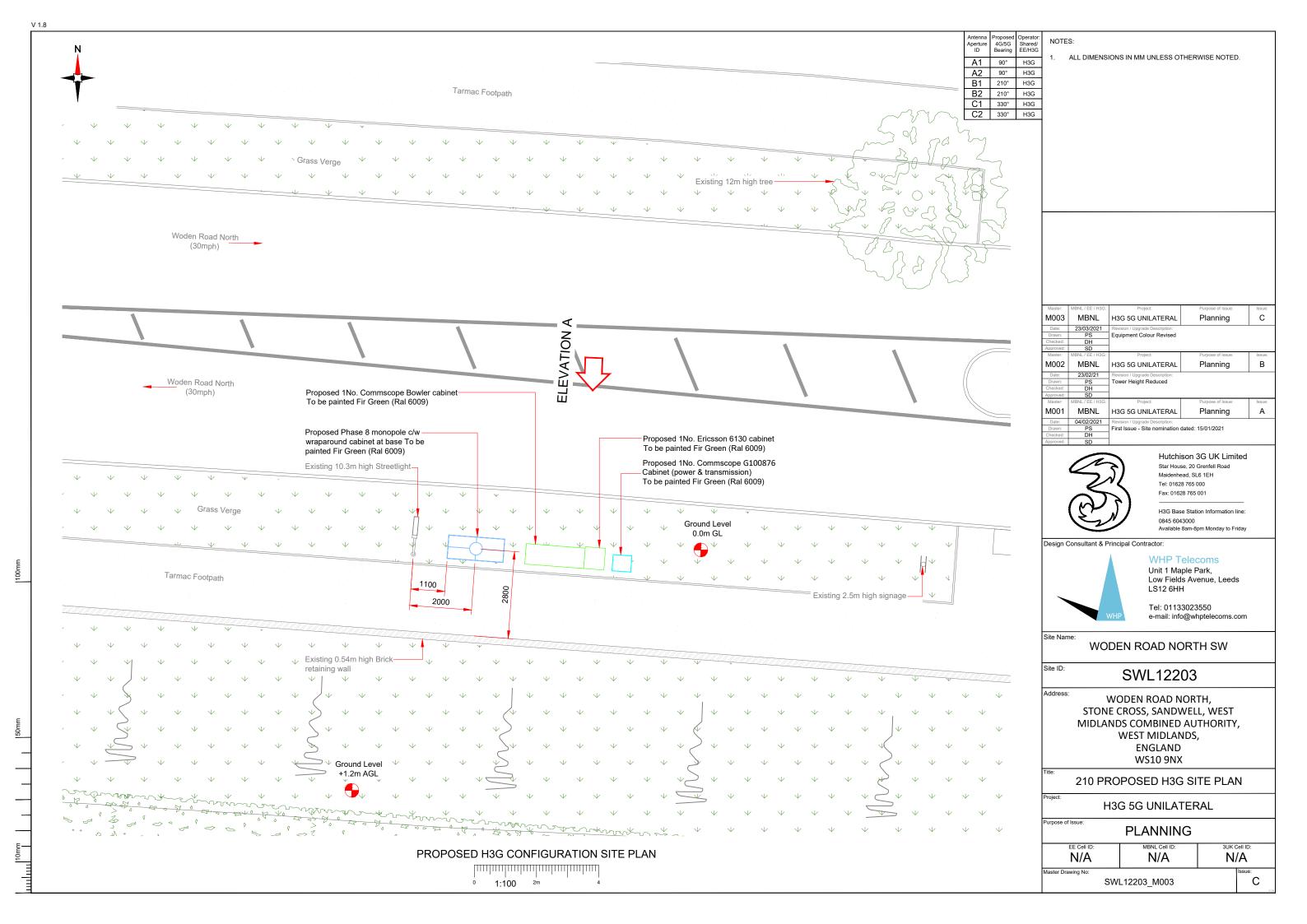
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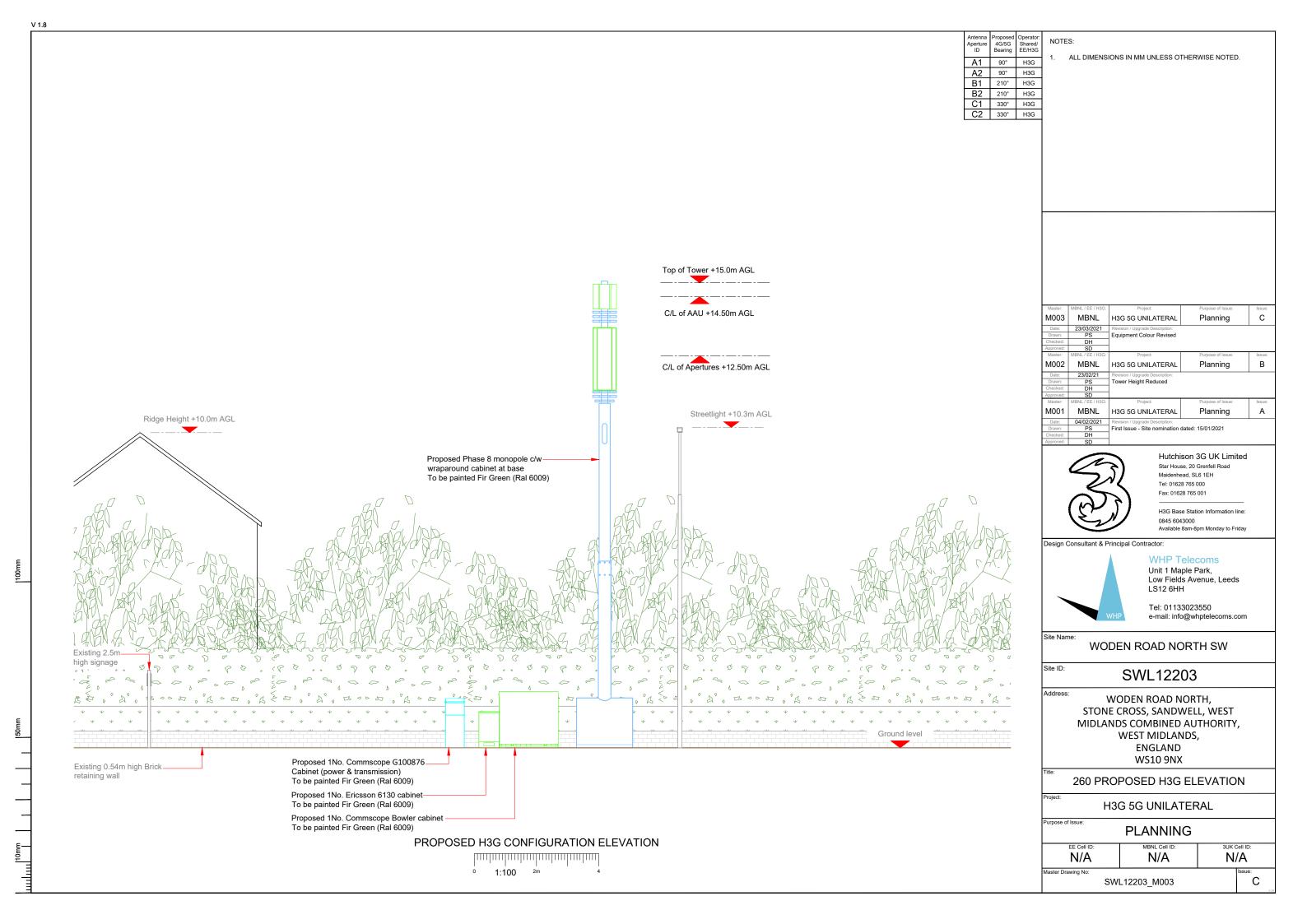
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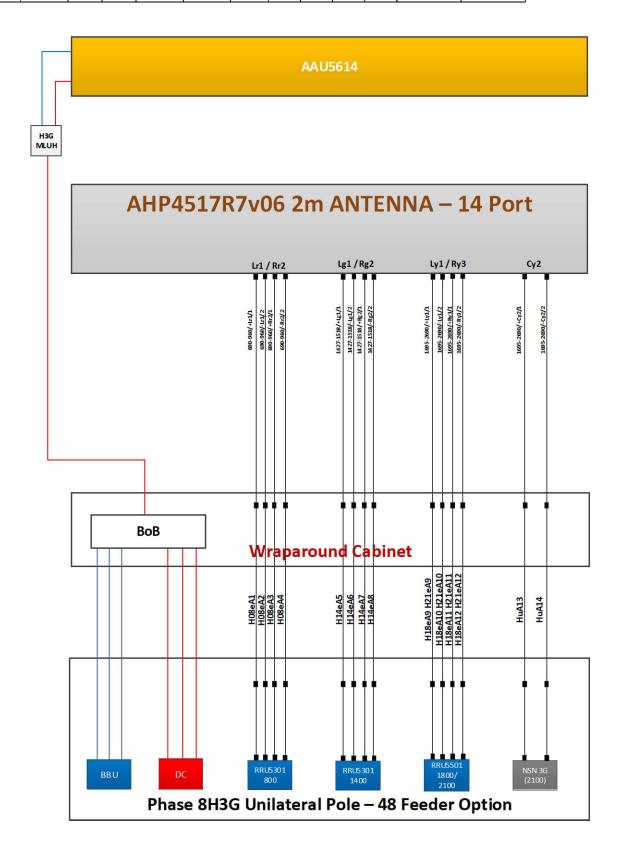








	Proposed H3G Antenna Aperture Schedule & RF Equipment Capacity																
Antenna Aperture	Antenna Aperture Size (Length x Width x Depth)	Aperture Height	Aperture Max Weight	Proposed 4G/5G Bearing	Tech: 4G/5G	Operator: Shared/	0		RRU No. Max Size & Weight L=520mm	MHA No.  Max Size & Weight L=300mm	Main Feeder			BOB Max Size & Weight (300x300x250mm & 5kg)		Active Router No.	Passive Router No.
ID		C/L	(kg)			EE/H3G	Eastings	Northings	W=400mm D=150mm Weight=25kg	W=300mm D=150mm Weight=10kg	Size	Length	No.	No. Top	No. Bottom	Max Size & Weight (370x260x150mm & 10kg) (3	Max Size & Weight (350x220x150mm & 10kg
A1	795x395x220mm	14.50m	45kg	90°	5G	H3G	-	-	0	0	TBC	TBC	4	1	1	1	1
A2	2009x469x206mm	12.50m	TBC	90°	3G/4G	H3G	-	-	3	0	TBC	TBC	4	1	1	1	1
B1	795x395x220mm	14.50m	45kg	210°	5G	H3G	-	-	0	0	TBC	TBC	4	1	1	1	1
B2	2009x469x206mm	12.50m	TBC	210°	3G/4G	H3G	-	-	3	0	TBC	TBC	4	1	1	1	1
C1	795x395x220mm	14.50m	45kg	330°	5G	H3G	-	-	0	0	TBC	TBC	4	1	1	1	1
C2	2009x469x206mm	12.50m	TBC	330°	3G/4G	H3G	-	-	3	0	TBC	TBC	4	1	1	1	1



STATUS KEY:

Installed: Existing

Existing and to remain Retain: Existing and to be relocated Relocate: Remove: Existing to be removed from site

Proposed: New on site

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302 PROPOSED H3G ANTENNA SCHEDULE & LINE CONFIGURATION

H3G 5G UNILATERAL

**PLANNING** N/A N/A N/A

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