

APPLICATION NO PA/2014/0001

APPLICANT Mr P Simpson

DEVELOPMENT Planning permission for the installation of mast support and associated amateur radio antenna and to retain existing VHF/UHF antenna

LOCATION 7 Hawthorn Close, Wootton

PARISH **WOOTTON**

WARD Ferry

CASE OFFICER Graeme Moore

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION **Refuse permission**

REASONS FOR REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE Member 'call in' (Councillor Clark)

POLICIES

National Planning Policy Framework: No specific policies apply.

North Lincolnshire Local Plan: Policy DS1 (General Requirements)

North Lincolnshire Core Strategy: No specific policies apply.

CONSULTATIONS

Highways: No objections.

PARISH COUNCIL

No objections.

PUBLICITY

Neighbouring properties have been notified. Five letters of objection have been received from neighbouring properties, objecting on the grounds that:

- the proposed mast would be visually intrusive and harm the amenity of the residential area;
- health and safety concerns in relation to physical damage if the masts were blown/knocked down.

One letter of support has been received from the Radio Society of Great Britain.

ASSESSMENT

Planning permission is sought for the installation of a mast support and associated amateur radio antenna and to retain an existing VHF/UHF antenna at 7 Hawthorn Close, Wootton. The site is an existing semi-detached dwelling located on an established residential estate in the centre of Wootton, which is a small rural village located to the east of Scunthorpe and south-east of Barton-upon-Humber. Neighbouring properties vary in typology ranging from bungalows, which are located across the road, and two-storey properties adjacent to 7 Hawthorn Close.

The main issue to consider in the determination of this application is whether or not the proposed mast would have a detrimental impact upon the character and amenity of the street scene and neighbouring properties.

The application is for the retention of an existing mast, which is visible, although not intrusively so from the public highway. There is a further request for the installation of a new mast which would, when raised, reach a height of 12.3m and when lowered will measure 8.2m. The mast in question is a G3TXQ Hexbeam which takes on the form of what effectively looks like a spider's web, with six supporting arms in a hexagon formation, which support a number of wires hanging between them. The diameter of the antenna measures some 6.5m in total.

The scale of the antenna is considered to be excessive when viewed in conjunction with the residential character of the area. When in use at a height of 12.3m, with the diameter of the antenna at 6.5m, the mast will be highly visible and dominate neighbouring gardens. Thus it is considered that it would have a detrimental impact on the character and amenity of the area. Furthermore, even when lowered at 8.2m, the mast will be level with the apex of the roof and would still be visible to neighbouring properties and from the public highway. With no effective screening in place to help mask the antenna from view, it is considered that the mast would take on the form of an intrusive structure in what is a residential area.

Therefore, whilst there are no concerns with the retention of the existing mast located on the gable end, it is considered that the installation of the new mast would unacceptably harm the character and amenity of the street scene and surrounding area. As such, the application is considered contrary to policy DS1 of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan.

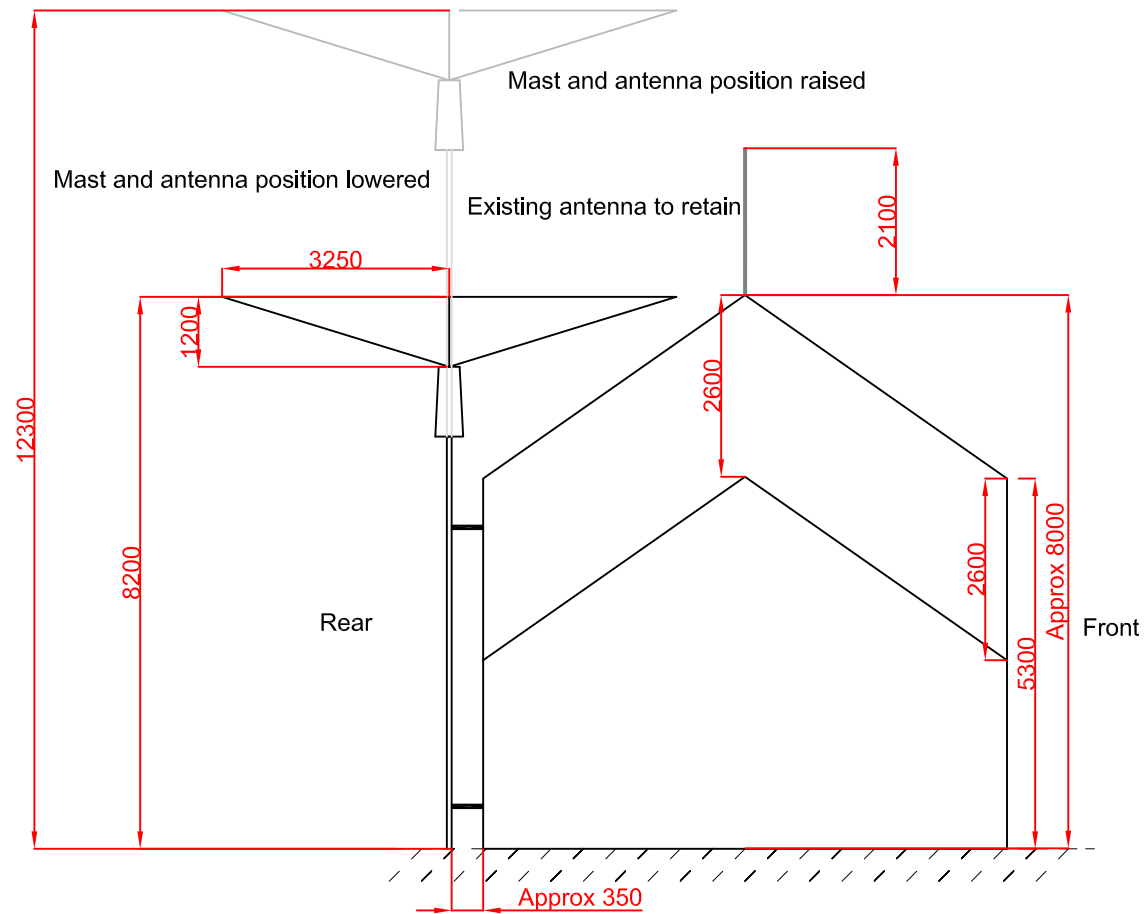
RECOMMENDATION Refuse permission for the following reasons:

The proposed antenna would, by virtue of its height, scale and massing, take on the form of an intrusive and dominant structure which would adversely harm the character and amenity of the surrounding residential area. The proposal is therefore contrary to policy DS1 of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan.

Informative

In determining this application, the council, as local planning authority, has taken account of the guidance in paragraphs 186 and 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework in order to seek to secure sustainable development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area.

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Adapt-A-Mast AMM10
With G3TXQ Hexbeam

All dimensions in mm
+/-2%

SITE:	7_HAWTHORN_CL_-_WOOTTON_-_DN396RB		2013/12/D	1A	31/12/13	7 Hawthorn Close, Wootton Telephone 07793718196
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TITLE:	Mast/Antenna		NTS	PS	PS	1
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