PLANNING APPEAL DECISION

Lead Officer: T Pomfret – Development Services Manager

To inform Members of a recent appeal decision in respect of a 15m timber monopole with antennae and ancillary equipment cabinets, the Lion pub, Woodhouse Road, Whitehaven.

Recommendation: That the decision be noted in the context of the

Council's Local Plan policies and also in relation to

performance monitoring.

Resource Implications: Nil.

1.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.1 The above telecommunications development was refused on 19 January 2005 for the following reason:-

"By virtue of its siting adjacent to a large residential estate the proposed development represents an unacceptable visual intrusion, particularly for residents living nearby, and, as such, is contrary to Policy SVC 9 of the adopted Copeland Local Plan 2001 and Policy SVC 8 of the Copeland Local Plan 2001-2016 1st Deposit Version."

1.2 A subsequent appeal to the Planning Inspectorate has been DISMISSED on the grounds that the siting and appearance of the proposed telecommunications column would be damaging to the appearance and character of this part of Whitehaven.

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Background Papers: A copy of the Inspector's decision letter is

attached.