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From: Sarah Papaleo
Sent: 23 February 2024 13:56
To: Development Control
Subject: FW: PLANNING APP 4/24/2034/0F1 - BRITISH TELECOM, CATHERINE STREET, WHITEHAVEN

Hi,

Can I please get this on the website and MIS as a consultation response?

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Kind regards,

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From: Kevan Buck
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 11:55 AM
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Good morning Sarah.
Further to the above planning application.
There are no objections to this proposal from Environmental Health.

Whilst there have been some health concerns about exposure to electromagnetic radio waves, there is no definitive causal link.
The installation produces radio waves which are non-ionising, meaning they do not damage human DNA cells in the way that gamma rays, X-rays and UV rays may do.
The applicant has provided a Health & Safety supporting document outlining the ICNIRP Public Exposure Guidelines concerning compliance with national and international safety thresholds on exposure to non-ionising radiation and a Declaration of Conformity to these guidelines.

In terms of possible interference with existing radio and television coverage in the area, Environmental Health are unaware of any previous issues of this nature after similar planning approvals, and the applicant has noted that further advice / redress to the public on this matter is provided by Ofcom, who also oversee the operation of the user's licence.

Regards

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