

Guidance Notes for:

Application Form for Prior Notification of Proposed Development in Respect of Permitted Development by Telecommunications Code Systems Operators

Certain forms of telecommunication development, for example, mobile telephone masts, are known as 'permitted development' and subject to prior approval from the local planning authority.

The prior approval procedure means that the principle of development is not an issue. The LPA can only consider the siting and appearance of the proposal.

The local planning authority has 56 days in which to let the mast operators know of its' decision on whether prior approval is required for siting and appearance and to let the operator know of its decision to allow or refuse approval.

There is no power to extend the 56 day period.

The prior approval procedure applies to the construction, installation, alteration or replacement of:

- a ground based mast of up to and including 15 metres in height
- a mast of up to and including 15 metres in height installed on a building or structure
- an antennae (including any supporting structure) which exceeds the height of the building or structure (other than a mast) by 4 metres or more at the point of where it is installed or to be installed
- a public call box
- radio equipment housing with a volume of 2.5 cubic metres
- development ancillary to radio equipment housing (for example, fences or access roads)

For more information, refer to *Planning Policy Guidance 8: Telecommunications* <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/ppg8> and the *Mobile Phone Network Development: Code of Best Practice* <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/codemobilenetwork>