# Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Chilmington Green Working Group and Planning Meeting Held remotely on Tuesday 01<sup>st</sup> June 2021 starting at 6.30.pm

Present:Cllrs: Y Barker, P Barker, Sullivan, McClintock and WiffenAlso Present: Cllr Blanford and Aniko Szocs (Parish Clerk) and 1 Member of the public

The meeting started at 18.30 pm.

#### 1. Election of Chair

Cllr Y Barker was elected as chair of the group.

Proposed: Cllr P Barker	Seconded: Cllr Wiffen	Vote for: 4
Against: 0	Abstain:1	Motion carried

#### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Tate.

- 3. Declarations of Interest
- 3.1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests None
- 3.2. Other Significant Interests None
- 3.3. Other Interests None

#### 4. Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2021 were duly approved as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr Sullivan	Vote for: 5
Against: 0	Abstain:0	Motion carried

#### 5. Planning applications for Consideration

#### 5.1. Application Number KCC/AS/0103/2021

Section 73 Application to amend condition 2 and the landscaping details approved pursuant to Condition 5 of planning permission AS/19/705 to resolve a previously unknown level difference between the entrance of the building and the public highway.

The group resolved to return this planning application with no comments.

Proposed: Cllr Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr P Barker	Vote for: 5
Against: 0	Abstain:0	Motion carried

#### 5.2. Application Number 21/00840/AS

Infrastructure route which includes carriageway, footpath/cycleway, indicative locations of visitor parking bays and soft verges to the Phase 2 avenue providing access to the Chilmington Green Secondary School site within at Chilmington Green, Great Chart, Ashford.

The group resolved to object to the planning application. There was no prior consultation of the plans to ensure the proposal meets Highway standards, laws and regulations. The plans should be in accordance with Highway Standards before further consideration.

Proposed: Cllr Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr Sullivan	Vote for: 5
Against: 0	Abstain:1	Motion carried

#### 5.3. Planning Application Number 21/00839/AS

Land at Chilmington Green, Ashford Road, Great Chart, Kent, Active Travel route to provide pedestrian access between Chilmington Avenue and the Secondary School site entrance. The Active Travel route comprises of a footpath and verge within land adjacent to Chilmington Green Road and Chilmington Green, Great Chart, Ashford.

The group resolved to object to this planning application. The group supports the comments made by Kent County Council in regarding street lighting, a toucan crossing across Chilmington Green Road and speed limit reduction on Chilmington Road should be promoted.

Proposed: Cllr Sullivan	Seconded: Cllr P Barker	Vote for: 5
Against: 0	Abstain:0	Motion carried

#### 6. Chilmington Primary and Secondary School

There is no access to the primary school on foot. Kent County Council is considering steps to rectify the issue and are working on drawing up plans. Further information will be made available once the plans are finalized. The group raised a number of concerns, including the speed limit along the area and outside of the 20 mph zone is not clear. The group also concerned that safety and access issues has not been resolved. There is no additional parking and the number of cycle racks seems inadequate. The group resolved to write a letter to ABC Planning, ward councillors and the CMO raising these concerns.

#### 7. South Ashford Community Garden

Due to a technical issue the planned stakeholders meeting had to be cancelled and postponed until 8<sup>th</sup> June.

#### 8. Planning Applications Approved

The list of applications approved were noted.

#### **9.** Date and Venue of next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 27 July 2021 starting at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 19.15 pm Signed as a true record by

Cllr Yolanda Barker\_\_\_\_\_

Date:





28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Our ref: 11141221

Cllr Dirk Ross Dirk.Ross@kent.gov.uk Clarke Telecom Ltd Unit E Madison Place Northampton Road Manchester M40 5AG

Dear Cllr Ross

# PROPOSED UPGRADE TO EXISTING RADIO BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT CTIL 11141221 TEF 9821, HARVEST WAY SF

Cornerstone is the UK's leading mobile infrastructure services company. We acquire, manage, and own over 20,000 sites and are committed to enabling best in class mobile connectivity for over half of all the country's mobile customers. We oversee works on behalf of telecommunications providers and wherever possible aim to:

- promote shared infrastructure
- maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development

Cornerstone are in the process of identifying a suitable site in the Ashford area for a radio base station that will improve service provision for Telefonica. The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before any planning submission is made. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, Cornerstone is committed to consultation with communities on our mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of Telefonica's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for an upgrade to the existing installation at this location to provide enhanced 2G, 3G and 4G coverage and capacity, and new 5G coverage ensuring that this area of Ashford has access to the latest technologies.

Mobiles can only work with a network of base stations in place where people want to use their mobile phones or other wireless devices. Without base stations, the mobile phones, and other devices we rely on simply won't work.

Please find below the details of the proposed site.

Our technical network requirement is as follows:

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#### CTIL 11141221, HARVEST WAY SF, TELEFONICA

The site is needed to provide enhanced 2G, 3G, 4G coverage and capacity for Telefónica as well as new 5G service provision to ensure that its customers experience access to the latest technologies currently available. The installation will also meet the extra demands on the network in this area as new technologies improve increasing the demand for 4G and 5G technologies.

The Government recognises that widespread coverage of mobile connectivity is essential for people and businesses. People expect to be connected where they live, work, visit and travel. That is why the Government is committed to extending mobile geographical coverage further across the UK, with continuous mobile connectivity provided to all major roads and to being a world leader in 5G. This will allow everyone in the country to benefit from the economic advantages of widespread mobile coverage. As well as improved mobile signal, 5G networks are also crucial to drive productivity and growth across the sectors that local areas are focusing on through their emerging Local Industrial Strategies. Enabling and planning for 5G implementation is central to achieving the Government's objective to deliver property at the local level and enable all places to share in the proceeds of growth.

The Government is determined to ensure the UK receives the coverage and connectivity it needs. To this end, the Government wants to be a world leader in 5G, the next generation of wireless connectivity, and for communities to benefit from the investments in the new technology.

The case for 5G is compelling as it will bring faster, more responsive, and reliable connections than ever before. More than any previous generation of mobile networks, it has the potential to improve the way people live, work and travel, and to deliver significant benefits to the economy and industry through the ability to connect more devices to the Internet at the same time, creating the so-called "Internet of Things". This will enable communities to manage traffic flow and control energy usage, monitor patient health remotely, and increase productivity for business and farmers, all through the real-time management of data.

The demand for mobile data in the UK is increasing rapidly, and as households and businesses become increasingly reliant on mobile connectivity, the infrastructure must be in place to ensure supply does not become a constraint on future demand.

We consider the best solution is as follows:

JUNCTION OF HARVEST WAY AND KNOLL LANE, KNOLL LANE, ASHFORD, TN23 5RW, N.G.R E: 599006 N: 141212

The proposed works comprise the removal of the existing 15m monopole supporting 3 no. antennas and the installation of a replacement 20.0m monopole supporting 3 no. replacement antennas and 3 no. additional antennas. The removal of 2 no. equipment cabinets and the installation of replacement 1 no. equipment cabinet. Ancillary development thereto including the installation of 3 no. Remote Radio Units (RRUs) and 1 no. GPS module.

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The operators are proposing to upgrade their existing installation to ensure the latest high quality, reliable, secure communications technology is able to be provided from this location. The amendments to the existing scheme are essential in order that customers' handheld devices continue to operate for the purposes in which they have become accustomed, accessible wherever they are whether that be indoors or outside.

The proposed height at 15m is essential in order to provide equivalent replacement coverage to the target coverage area. 5G new radio technologies operate in higher frequency bands than older technologies. Since it operates at higher frequencies where attenuation of the radio signal is naturally higher, and the effects of clutter are greater it will normally require a higher structure to achieve the same coverage footprint. To increase capacity and data speeds to the user, the antenna will normally need to be mounted higher than conventional antennae. These factors drive a requirement for an increase in antenna height in 5G.

The new antennas are all unshrouded for technical reasons. However, they have been designed to be as tight as possible and virtually the same width as the main column, to minimise their visual appearance. The higher the radio frequency the more signal attenuation there is. The higher frequency 5G antennas are unable to operate effectively through the Glass Reinforced Plastic that the shroud is made up of and as such if these antennas were to be shielded then they would not be able to provide the necessary coverage to the target coverage area. An additional installation would be needed elsewhere within the cell area, leading to the proliferation of masts.

This is the slimmest design possible which will enable all technologies to be supported from this site. If the column width were to be any slimmer then the technology would not fit in the one column and another radio base station would be required, which would lead to the proliferation of masts contrary to national planning guidance. Similarly, if the column were to be a uniform width throughout then the overall width would have to increase which would appear more visually prominent in the street scene, than the proposed design.

The design of the column is a simple, functional, vertical structure which will not appear incongruous within the street scene given the other vertical structures within the immediate area which help provide context for the replacement column. The column is proposed to be finished in a grey colour but can be coloured any other colour that the LPA consider appropriate.

As this is an existing street works installation and the amendments are relatively minor in nature, this is sequentially the most preferable site for the operators to upgrade their existing service provision to this cell area. As such, no other options have been considered.

The Local Planning Authority mast register and our records of other potential sites have already been reviewed, the policies in the Development Plan have been taken into account and the planning history of the site has been examined.

All Cornerstone installations are designed to be fully compliant with the public exposure guidelines established by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). These guidelines have the support of UK Government, the European Union and they

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also have the formal backing of the World Health Organisation. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance will be included within the planning submission.

In order to give you time to send your comments or request further information, we commit to allow at least 14 days before an application is submitted to the Local Planning Authority. This 14-day period starts from the date at the top of this letter.

We would also be grateful if you could please advise of any local stakeholders or groups that might like to make comments. For your information pre-consultation letters and a set of plans have been sent to the local planning officers, the local ward councillors for Beaver district Ward (Cllrs L Suddard and T Brooks) and the local MP Damian Green.

We look forward to receiving any comments you may have on the proposal.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me (quoting cell number [11141221]

Yours faithfully

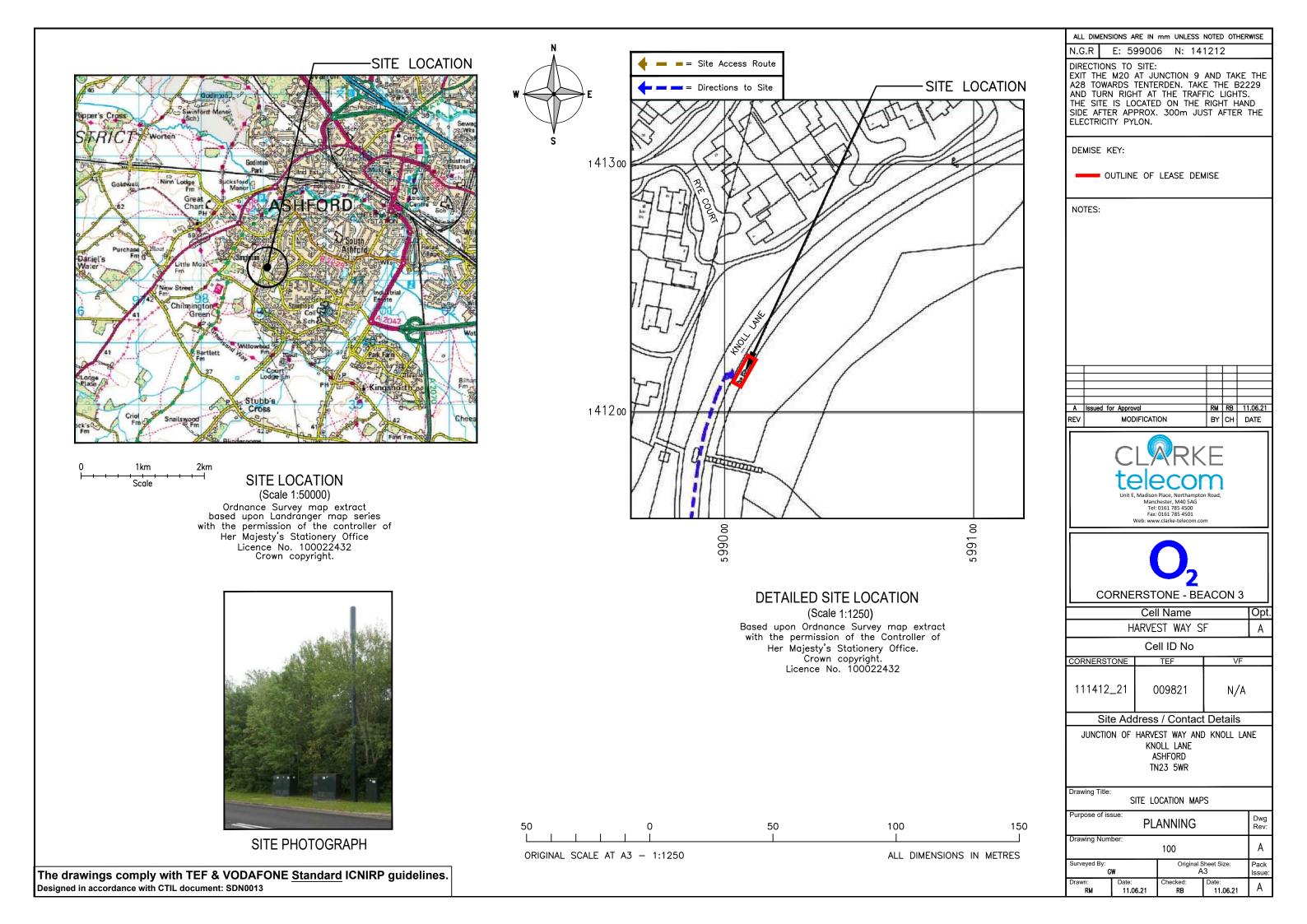
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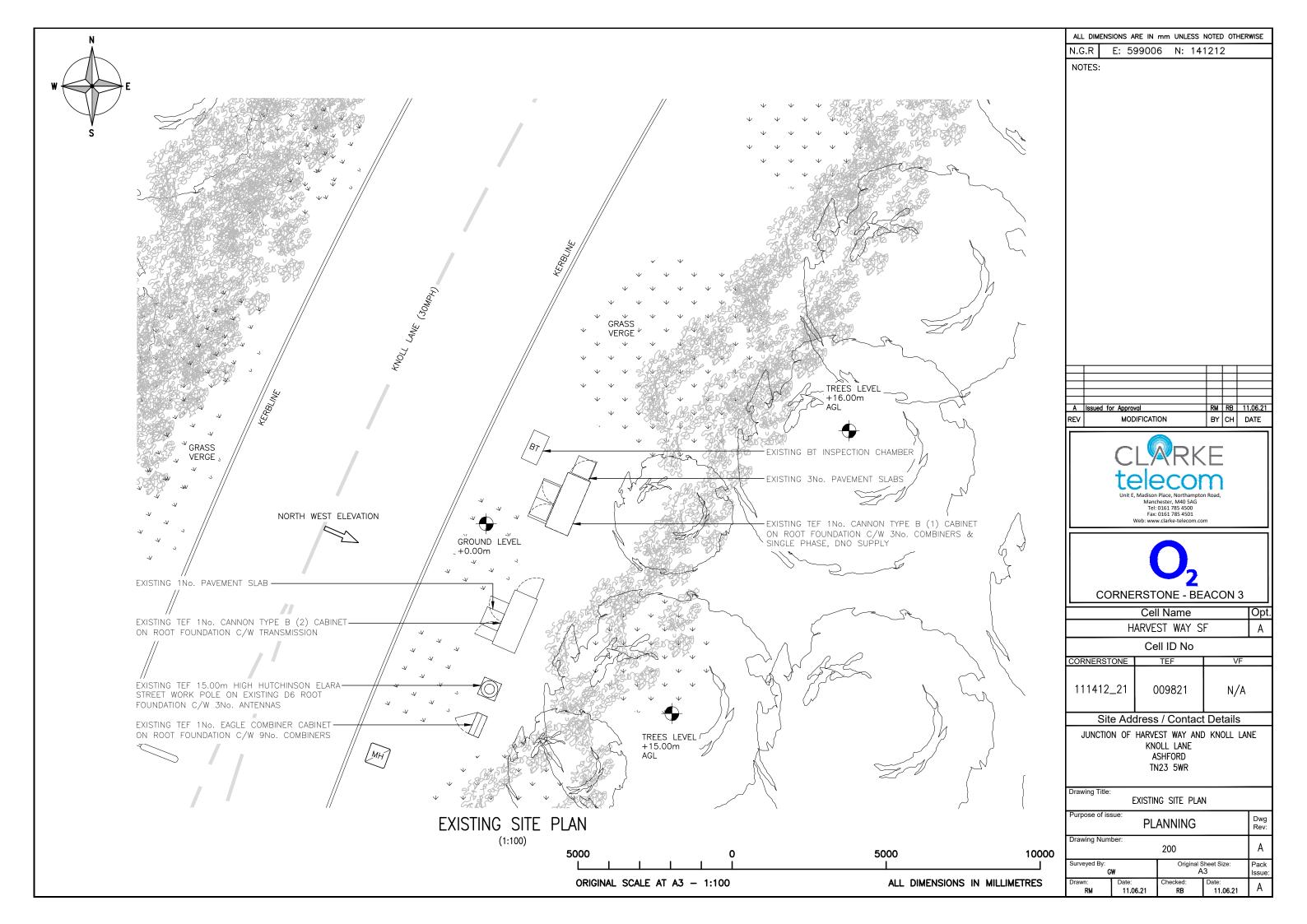
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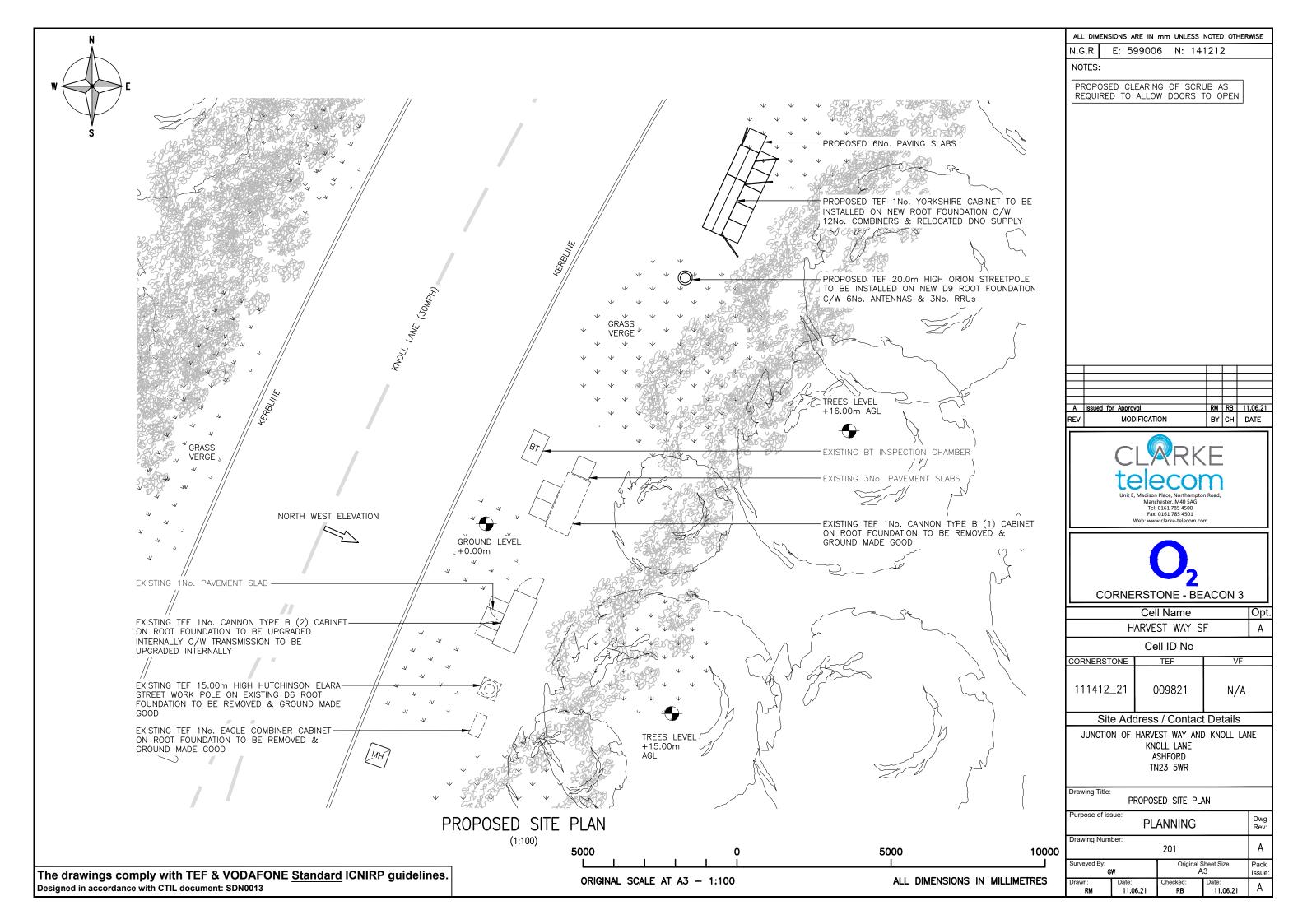
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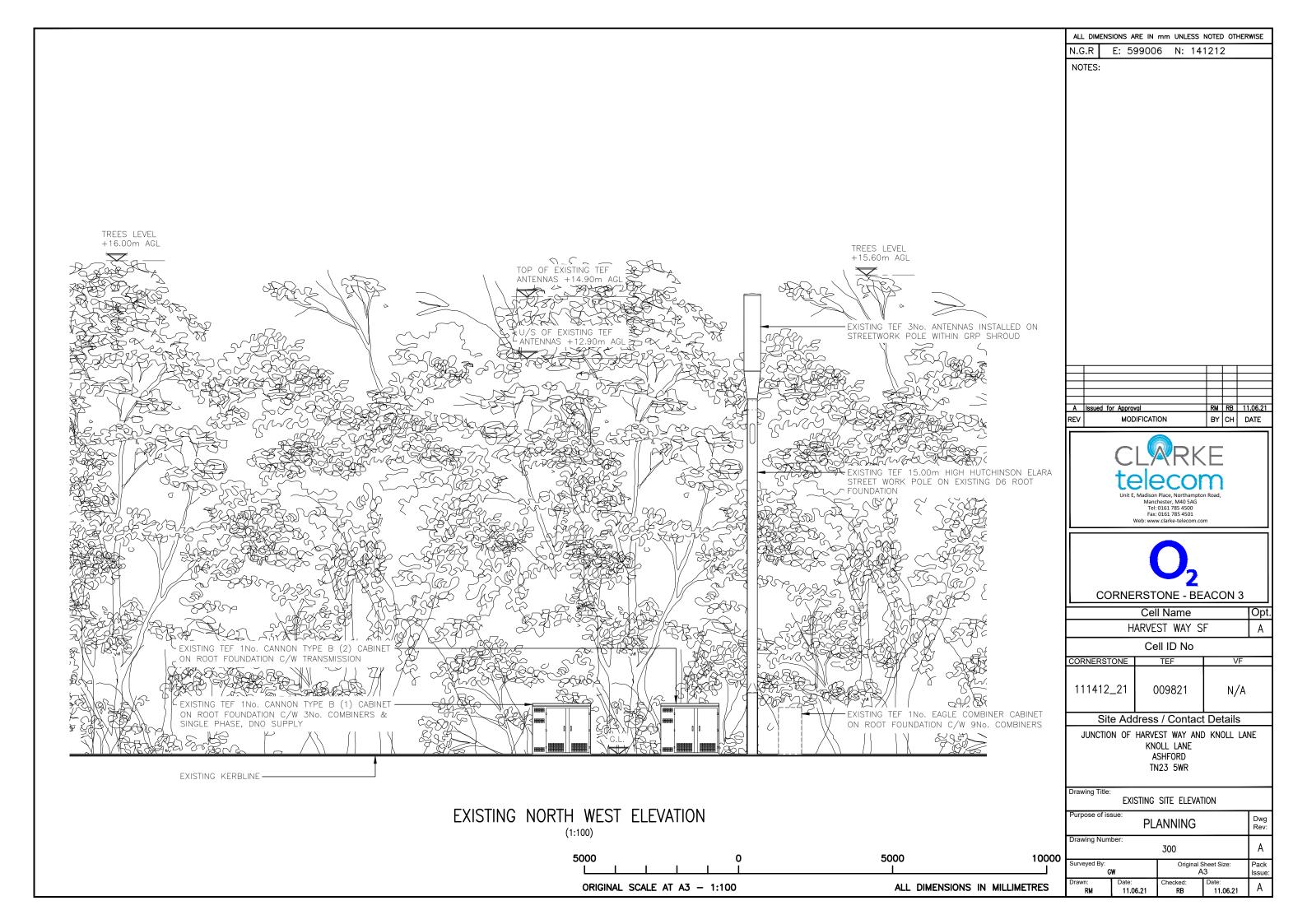
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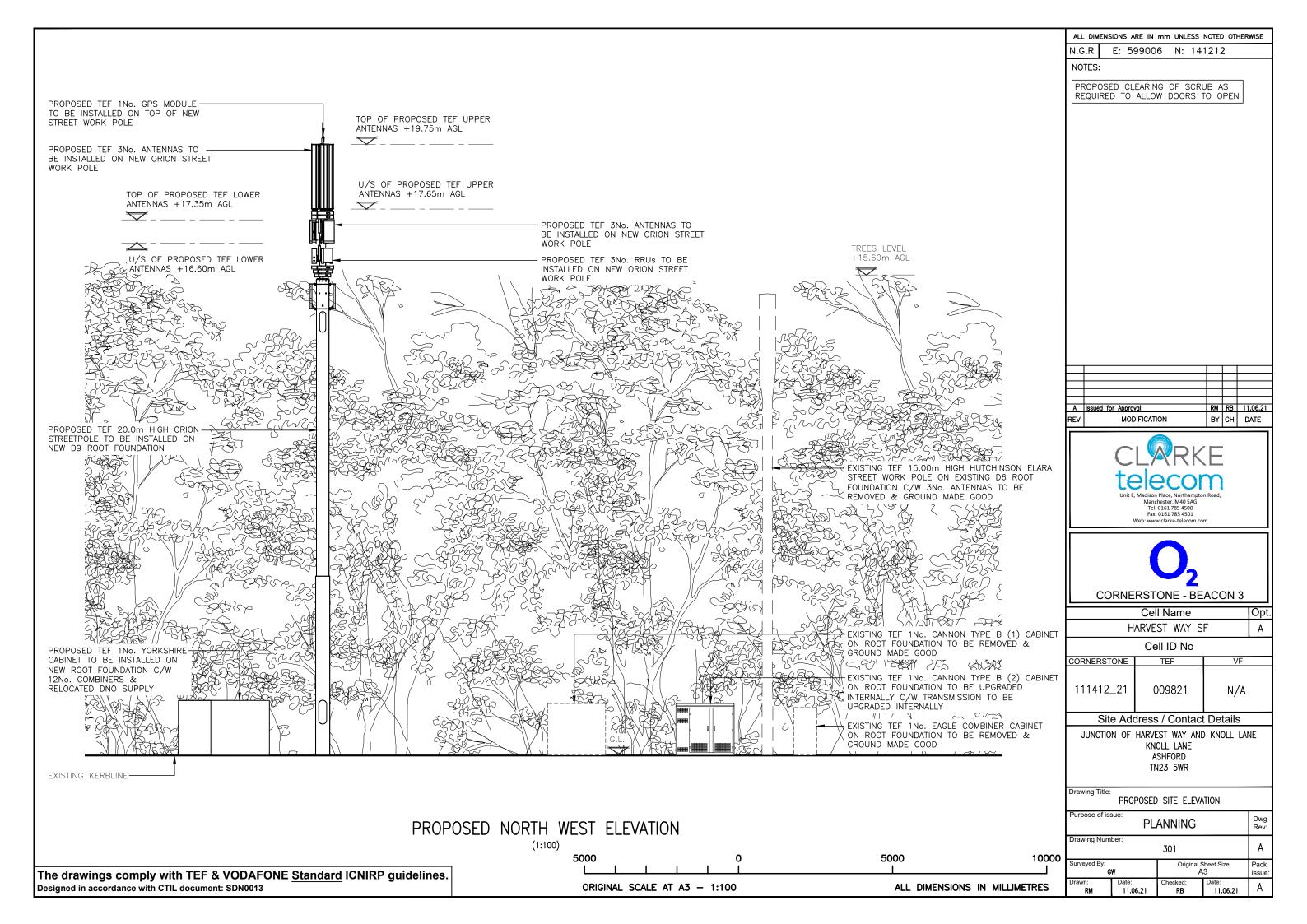
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## The Development of Speed Limits in The Parish of Great Chart with Singleton

During the development of Chilmington Green - and though various requests made to KCC Highways - some changes have been made on speed limits - and requests for other changes denied.

A summary of the current situation as a result of KCC's muddled - or complete lack of joined up thinking - is now urgently required to ensure that - as the development continues - speed limits are made clearer and more easily understood. The discussion should perhaps be used to widen these originally agreed limits to the whole of Singleton?

#### Currently

In Great Chart village a speed limit of 30 mph exists, changing to 40mph at the pedestrian narrow point on the Ashford Road and similarly just past Little Friars - back towards the A28. Another end of speed limit sign is at the road narrowing on Nine Lane.

On Singleton Hill/Mock Lane there is a single 30mph sign, presumably indicating 30mph as one approaches the pavemented area. However this sign is on the wrong side of the road for approaching traffic and is turned 90° to the road. It is hidden behind undergrowth (see photo 1). It has no corresponding end of speed limit sign on the reverse. (see photo 2). One has to presume that the 60mph limit applies from this point leaving the village?



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As a result, the approach to the new primary school is 60 mph, with no footpaths or cycle ways available. On arriving at the school a new roadway has been laid, at a higher level than the school - thus preventing disabled access via the disabled entrance. The new road section has a 20mph sign and the whole new road length has double yellow lines on both sides, - and a bus stop. There is a cycle path outside the school - as yet unmarked - and it leads nowhere.

The 20 mph sign has no change or end of speed limit sign on the reverse, thus linking with the 60 mph limit in the opposite direction (see photos 3 & 4 below), or perhaps the intention is to continue the 20mph limit? Who can tell?



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On leaving the new stretch of road in the opposite direction there is a 30 mph sign and a speed hump sign, although there is no speed hump (see photo 5). This clearly means a speed limit of 30 mph. However traffic arriving in the opposite direction have turned off Chilmington Green Road - which has a 60mph limit. They are greeted with the 20 mph sign at the start of the new road (see photo 6), - and are, sensibly, not warned of the non-existent speed hump. There is no speed limit change at the start of Mock Lane thus traffic in one direction has a 30 mph limit and in the other it is 60 mph.





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Mock Lane arrives at Chilmington Green Road with a dangerously restricted line of sight in both directions (see photo 7). Chilmington Green Road has no junction signs to indicate the presence of Mock Lane (see photo 8) and vice-versa





In spite of requests for a change of speed limit, Chilmington Green Road remains at 60 mph. When it arrives at the A28 the speed limit is reduced - at the very last moment - to match that of the Main Road's 40mph. These signs confirm 60 mph along Chilmington Green Road (see photos 9 & 10). The result of the speed problem on Chilmington Green Road can be seen by the state of the recently replaced (again) sign to Ashford & Great Chart on the far side of the A28 (photo 9).



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In summary we have a school opening in September this year with the only access along a narrow country lane, making it only suitable for children to arrive by car or bus. We have a confusing set of speed limit signs and dangerous access on to Chilmington Green road, which has a speed limit of 60 mph. There are no warnings of this dangerous junction from any direction - one with extremely limited lines of sight and which is about to be heavily used by school run traffic.

The situation is further confused by KCC highways having requested a speed limit of 30mph be installed on the lower section of Bartletts Lane, along the stretch by the Jarvis Homes development. A speed limit is sensible, but this one does not comply with the agreed speed limit of 20mph for all residential roads on the development. It flies in the face of KCC's comment that Chilmington Green Road itself could not have a restricted speed limit - in spite of growing amounts of access traffic from an increasing number of junctions. The road has dangerously failing metalled edges where heavy trucks have already come off the road and caused extensive serious damage.

Finally, from the Chilmington Development point of view, access B off the A28 had 20mph signs erected before building work began. They have since disappeared (see photo 11). The revised access off the end of the Great Chart bypass has a road narrows sign but no reminder of the 40mph limit anywhere between the Ashford side of the main access roundabout and outside Toke Farm. (see photo 12).





# **Planning Decisions**

## July 2021

#### Planning application number 21/01021/AS

16 Homestead, Singleton, Ashford, Kent, TN23 4PX Lawful development certificate – proposed- demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new single-storey rear extension. ABC: **Proposal would note be lawful.** 

#### Planning application number 18/00733/AM01/AS

Non-material minor amendment to planning permission 18/0733/AS, Erection of 7 detached dwellings and creation of vehicular and pedestrian access together with associated infrastructure, to relocate the existing field access to enable access to ecological mitigation area for maintenance. **ABC: Permit PC: Not consultees** 

#### Planning application number 21/00743/AS

17 Pearmain Way, Singleton Ashford, Kent, TN23 5JL Proposed single storey rear extension. **ABC: Proposed Use/Development would be Lawful PC: Support** 

#### Planning application number 19/01032/AM01/AS

Parcel R, Land at Chilmington Green, Ashford Road, Great Chart, Kent Non material amendment to planning permission 19/01032/AS (Reserved matters for the development of 82 residential dwellings within Parcel R, Main Phase AAP 1 including associated roads, parking, landscaping, open space and infrastructure pursuant to outline permission granted under 12/00400/AS) to vary the approved plans relating to the eastern section covering plots 52-82 to alter house styles, reduction in number of dwellings, highway realignment and amendments to floor plans/elevations **ABC: Amened Plans Approved PC: No comments** 

#### Planning application number 21/00838/AS

The Rainbow Centre, Great Chart Bypass, Great Chart, Ashford, Kent, TN23 4ER Notification of Prior Approval for proposed installation of 136 x 340W solar PV Modules mounted to the metal pitched roof areas on the easterly and westerly elevations. **ABC: Prior Approval Not required** 

#### Planning application number 17/00665/CONC/AS

Land at Chilmington Green, Ashford Road, Great Chart, Kent, Discharge conditions 3, 8, 9, 10, 14 **ABC: Permit PC: No comment** 

#### Planning application number 21/00912/AS

42 Tithe Barn Lane, Singleton, Ashford, TN23 4YY First floor side extension over existing garage and joining the main house **ABC: Permit PC: Support** 

#### Planning application number 12/00400/COAD/AS

Land at Chilmington Green, Ashford Road, Great Chart, Kent. Discharge condition 50 (External Appearance Details – Phase 1C) ABC Permit PC: No comments

#### Planning application number 21/01137/AS

22 Stowell Close, Singleton, Ashford, Kent, TN23 5HS. Lawful development certificate – proposed- single storey side extension. **ABC: Proposed Use/Development Not Lawful** 

#### Planning application number 21/00370/AS

6 Quarry View, Singleton, Ashford, Kent, TN23 5WD, Second floor extension above existing first floor. **ABC: Refuse PC: Objecting** 

#### Planning application number 21/00360/AS

The Meadows, Sandy Lane, Great Chart, Kent. Erection of single storey bungalow to replace existing mobile home (pitch 5) ABC: **Refuse PC: Comment raising concerns about lack of detail on plans.** 

#### Planning application number 21/00988/AS

Proposed Telecommunication mast on land at junction of Tithe Barn Lane and Singleton Hill, Singleton, Kent. Prior notification for proposed 20.0 m phase 8 monopole C/W wrapround Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works. **ABC: Refuse PC: Object** 

#### Planning application number 21/01090/AS

Blackwood Cottage, Bartlets Lane, Chilmington Green, Ashford, TN23 3DW Variation of conditions 3 and 4 on planning permission 21/00086/AS (Removal of condition 4 on planning permission ref 16/00653/AS to allow annexe to be occupied independently) to retain and relocate the home office garden shed. **ABC: Permit PC: Support**