

The Planning Officer
Babergh District Council

Broxwood
Bury Road
Lawshall
Bury St Edmunds
Suffolk
IP29 4PH

16th June 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Town & Country Planning Act 1990

Proposed erection of short wave Amateur Radio mast and aerial/s at Broxwood, Bury Road, Lawshall.

For the purpose of my application for planning permission in respect of the proposed erection of a 19.8m mast and aerial/s on my property at Broxwood, Bury Road, Lawshall; I attach the following:-

1. Completed and signed application form
2. Ownership Certificate
3. Block plan
4. Site plan
5. Front elevation drawing
6. Side elevation drawing
7. Mast manufacturer's engineering drawing
8. Foundation detail drawing
9. Schedule of neighbours' reactions to the proposal

You may also find the following information helpful:-

I have passed the necessary technical examinations to enable me to hold an Office of Communications (OFCOM) licence and now have 38 years of transmitting experience.

The aerials which I have been using up to the present time have not been as efficient as I would have wished and have limited my experiments and activities. I now wish to overcome these severe limitations by having this purpose built mast to raise my transmitting/receiving aerial higher than surrounding roof-tops. It is standard equipment used by radio amateurs throughout the world and I enclose a copy of the manufacturer's details for your inspection. Planning permission has already been granted for many similar masts in the UK, and I am aware that planning permission has already been granted in the area of the Babergh and South Suffolk District Councils to other Radio Amateurs with similar requirements. As the mast/aerial cost is several thousand pounds it will be realised that I would not be proposing to spend this amount unless I felt it essential to do so to improve the efficiency of my system.

The maximum transmit power levels used by Radio Amateurs are restricted by our licence conditions and are comparatively low. This requires extremely efficient aerials, and height above the ground and surrounding buildings and structures is one of the most important factors contributing to the efficiency of the system. I have assessed the mast and its proposed siting as

being the best compromise I can achieve so as not to cause annoyance to my neighbours whom I have already approached with the fullest information. I spoke with and provided Neighbour Reaction Forms to the occupants at The Old Rectory, Roughlands (my nearest neighbours), as well as Wintles and Tall Trees (further away), in January 2018. These gave the option to declare 'no objection', 'no objection, subject to conditions', and 'objection'. I am able to enclose a completed 'no objection' from The Old Rectory. The others declined to complete the forms. However, I have moved the location of the proposed mast to comply with Roughlands' verbal request, where they think it will have least visual impact for them.

The proposed mast is telescopic and will not be visible from the road when retracted, as indicated in the side elevation drawing. Even when extended, it will only be visible from the road when viewed directly in front of the driveway, owing to the tall and dense tree-lines either side of the property. Properties on the opposite side of the road do not have line of sight up the driveway, and so it will not be visible. To the rear of the property are open fields.

I have indicated in the plans a typical antenna to be mounted atop the mast, but this may vary dependent on my experiments and/or commercial availability. Wire antennas may also be supported from the mast.

I trust that this letter and its enclosures provide you with adequate information in connection with my application, but, if there is anything further which you or the members of the planning committee require, or would find of assistance when considering my application, do please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

Mr AG Summers.