

# PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P13/0377

Type of approval sought	Determination on need for approval (GDO)
Ward	Brierley Hill
Applicant	Vodafone Ltd
Location:	<b>LAND ADJ. UNIT 19,, NORTH STREET, BRIERLEY HILL, WEST MIDLANDS, DY5 3QF</b>
Proposal	<b>PRIOR APPROVAL UNDER PART 24 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GPDO) FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING THE REMOVAL OF EXISTING 15 M HIGH MONOPOLE AND 1 NO. EQUIPMENT CABINET AND REPLACE WITH 15 M DUAL USER POLE, RADIO BASE STATION AND 2 NO. ADDITIONAL RADIO EQUIPMENT CABINETS.</b>
Recommendation Summary:	<b>APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS</b>

## SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The application site is a hardsurfaced area of land within an established industrial estate which currently contains a 15m high green telecommunications monopole and three associated ground level cabinets. The land is immediately adjacent a row of six industrial units on the southern side of the estate. Immediately to the south of the site is Baxter Road, a cul-de-sac comprising modern semi-detached houses. The site is separated from Baxter Road by an embankment containing mature vegetation which completely screens the industrial estate.

## PROPOSAL

2. Prior approval is sought to erect a replacement 15m high monopole antenna and one additional. equipment cabinet at the site (the existing monopole is to be removed). The proposed monopole and shroud will be in the same location as the existing and will be of similar dimensions and design. The monopole will house 3no.antennae

enclosed within a cylindrical shroud. The proposed installation is to be shared by two mobile phone operators and is required to improve coverage in the Brierley Hill area.

## HISTORY

3.

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	DECISION	DATE
P06/0872	Prior Approval for Installation of 15m High Monopole and Associated Equipment Cabinet	Approved	June 2006

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

- 245 neighbour notification letters have been sent out and a site notice posted. One letter of objection has been received on the grounds that the development would have '*adverse health and safety implications and would be an eye sore*'.
- A letter has also been received from the occupants of units 18 and 19, stating that the site is rented by them and that access to the site will be denied.

## OTHER CONSULTATION

- Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards** – no objection.  
  
**Group Engineer (Development)** – No objection.

## RELEVANT PLANNING POLICY

- National Planning Policy  
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2012)

Saved 2005 UDP Policies

Policy DD13 (Telecommunications)

**ASSESSMENT**

8. Key Issues

- Policy;
- Visual Impact;
- Health & Safety

Policy

9. The NPPF advises that the expansion of telecommunications networks should be supported in principle by local planning authorities, and that the numbers of masts should be kept to a minimum consistent with the efficient operation of the network. Existing masts, buildings and other structures should be used. This proposal is in accordance with this advice, in that it provides for the expansion of the coverage of two separate companies without requiring the provision of any additional infrastructure at a site which is already in use for telecommunications purposes.

Visual Impact

10. Policy DD13 of the UDP states that protection from visual intrusion will be an important consideration in the determination of applications for telecommunications equipment, and that proposals should be sensitively designed and sited to minimize the impact of development on the environment and surrounding area. The main issue in the determination of this application therefore is the effect of the equipment on the living conditions of nearby residents with particular regard to their outlook.
11. The nearest houses to the site are those on Baxter Road to the south, at a distance of approximately 35m. These houses are at a higher level than the industrial estate. The tree belt on the embankment separating the industrial estate from Baxter Road largely screens views of the existing monopole at the site. The proposed monopole,

which would be of the same scale and in the same position as the existing, would have no greater impact on outlook from properties on Baxter Road.

### Health & Safety

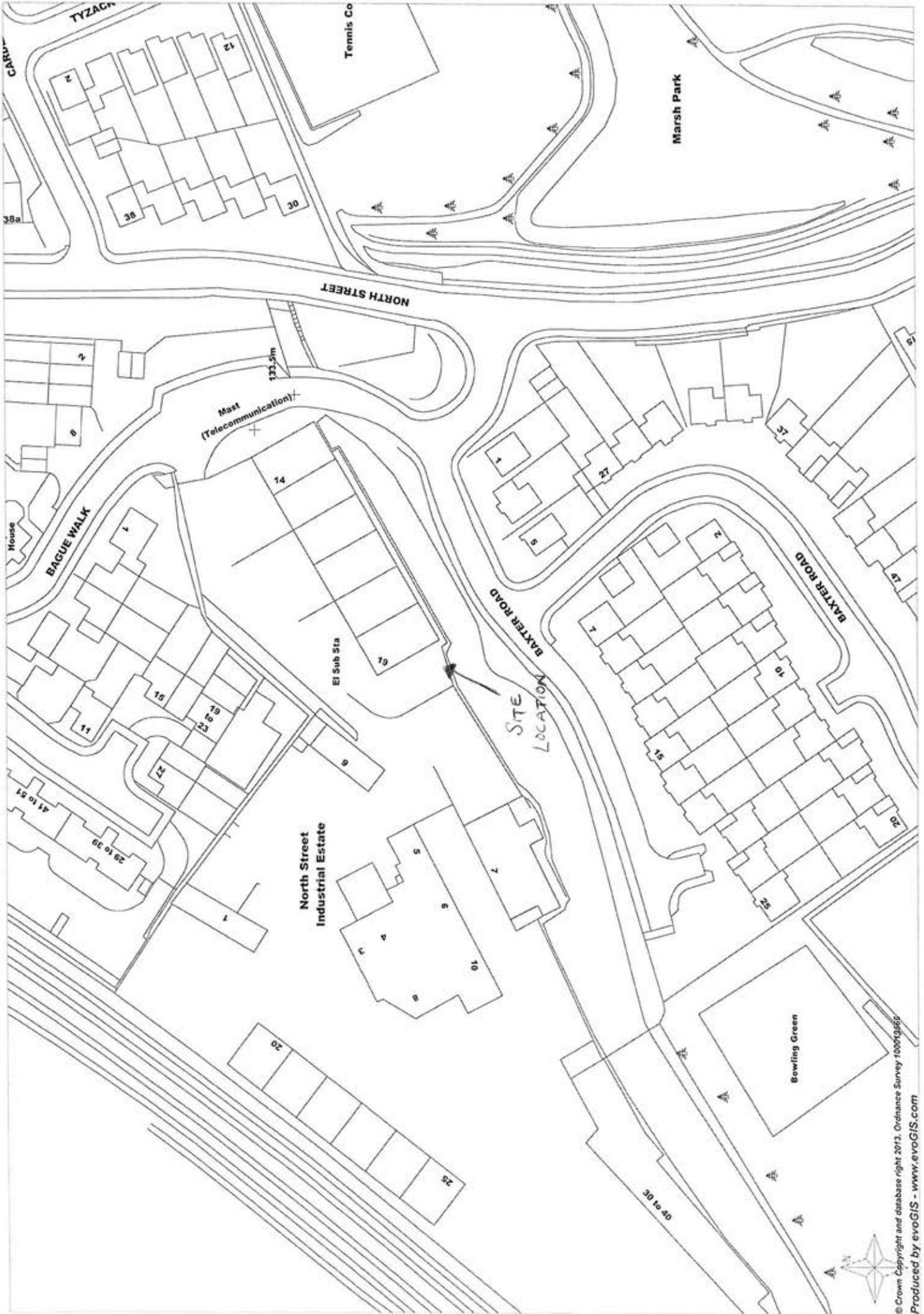
12. With regard to the concerns of the objector to the proposal relating to health issues, the NPPF advises that in assessing applications local planning authorities should not determine health safeguards if the proposal meets International Commission guidelines for public exposure. The applicant has submitted a certificate to confirm that the cumulative emissions from the proposed and existing nearby installations meets these internationally-recognised precautionary guidelines. The objection from the occupant of Units 18 and 19 does not raise any issues which are material to the assessment of this application.

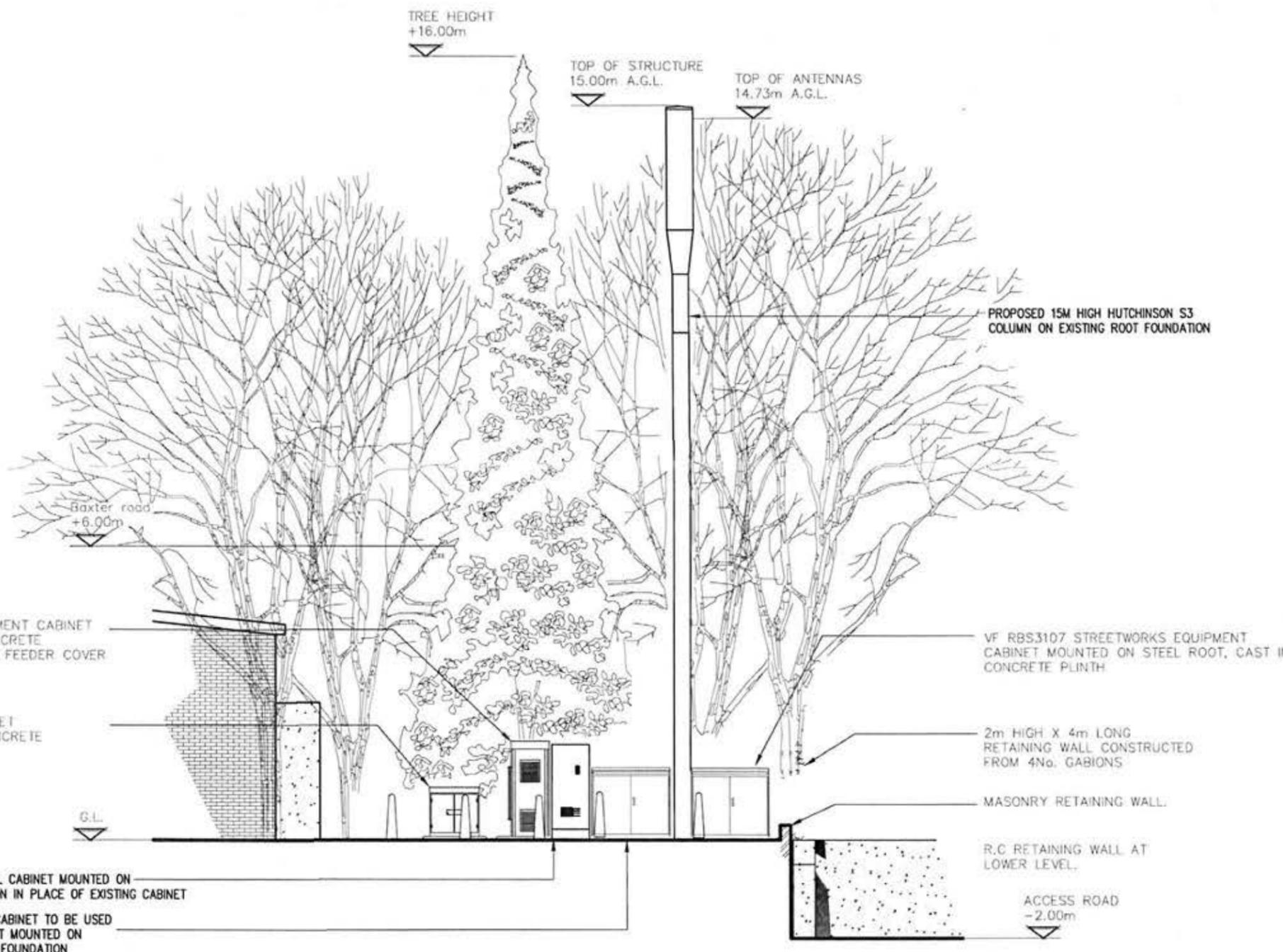
## CONCLUSION

13. The proposed installation would not have any adverse impact on outlook from existing nearby properties or the visual amenities of the area. The proposal is therefore in accordance with the aims of Saved Policy DD13 of the UDP.

## RECOMMENDATION

14. It is recommended that prior approval for the siting and design of the equipment is not required.





PROPOSED NORTH WEST ELEVATION  
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The drawings comply with TEF & Vodafone Standard ICNIRP guidelines.  
Designed in accordance with Cornerstone document: CORN/09/006

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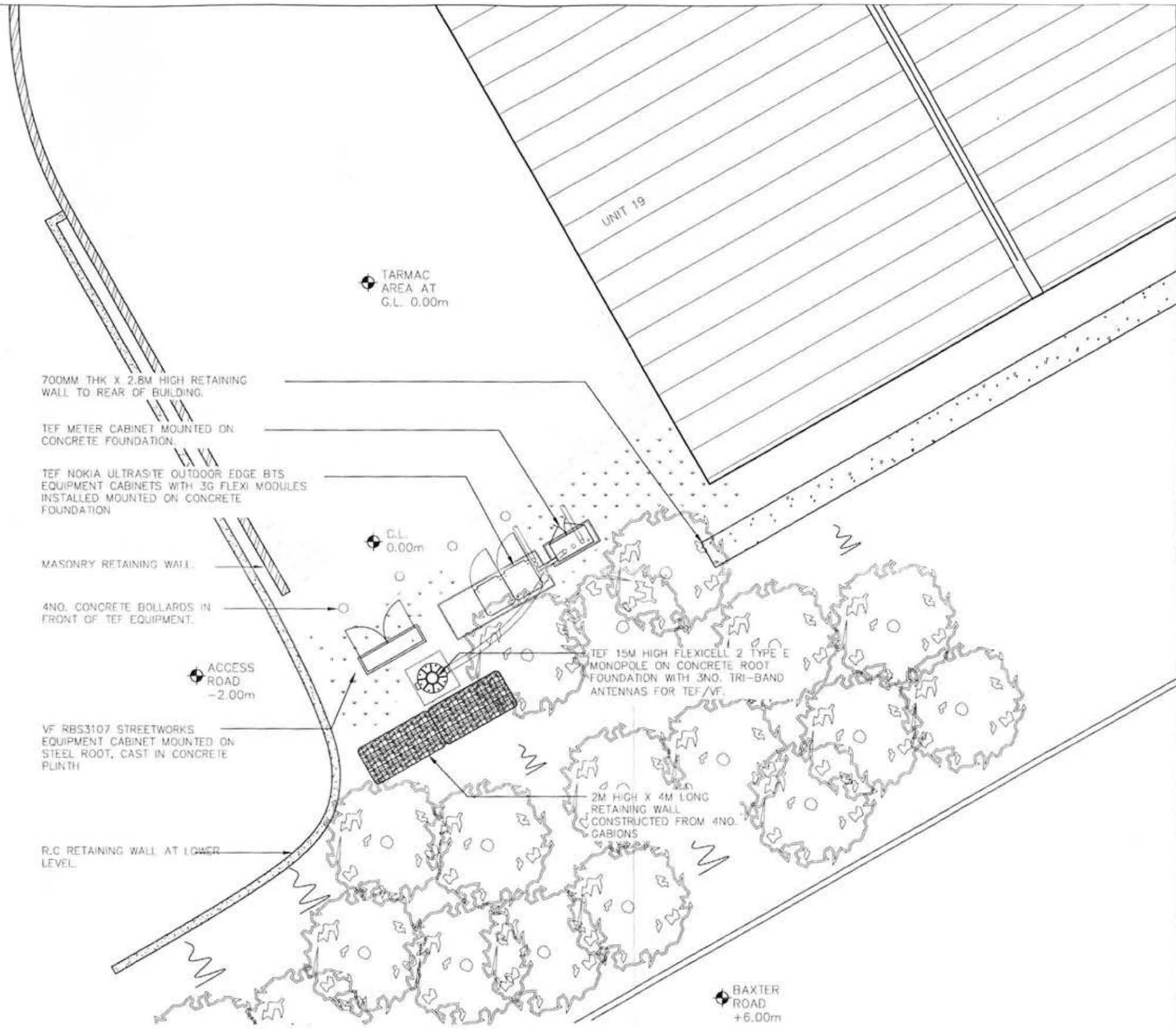
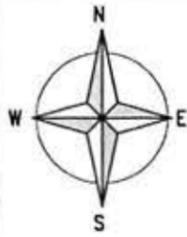
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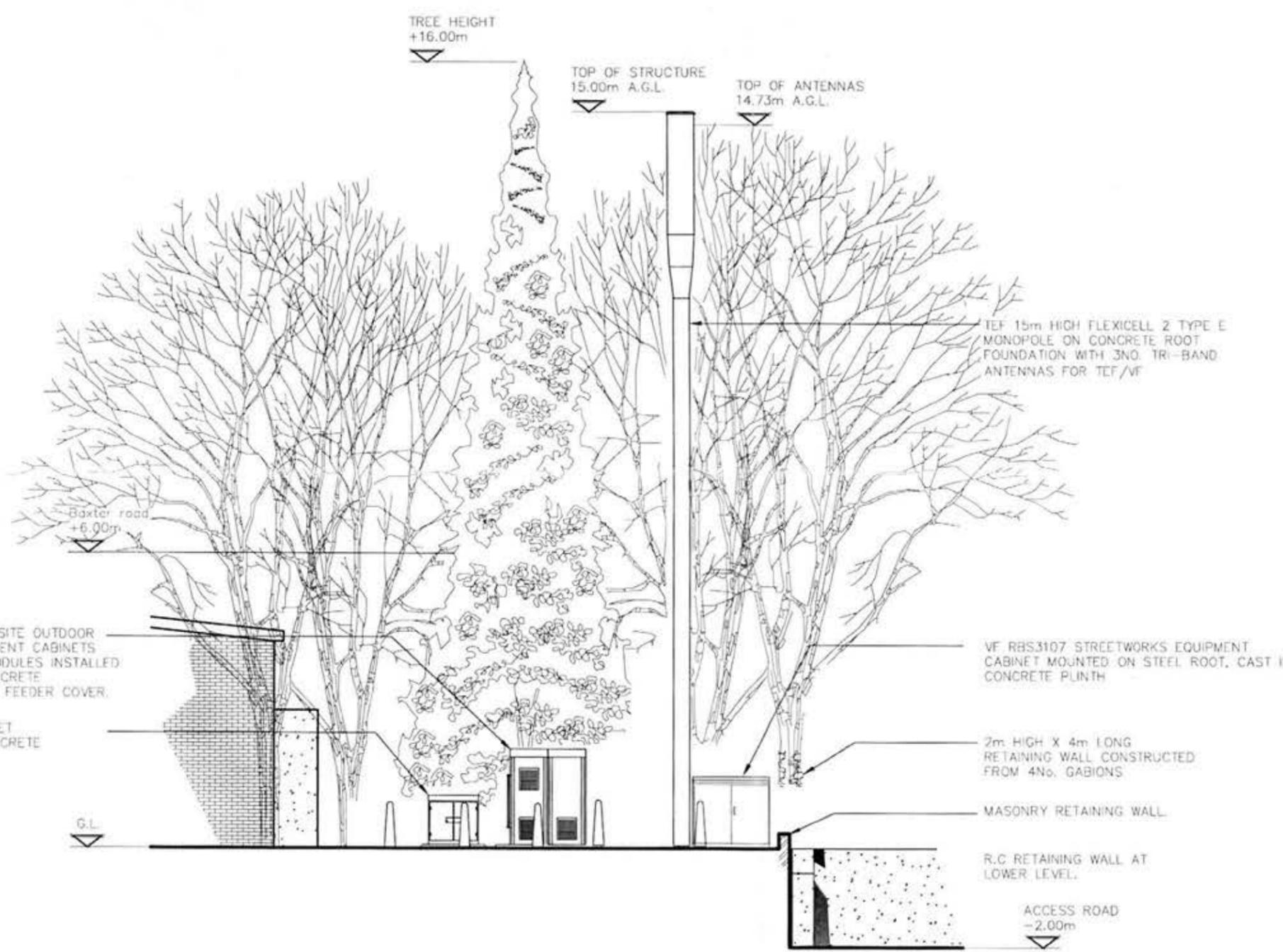
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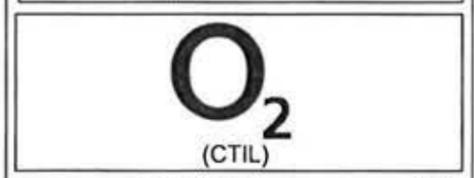
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