

Loughton Town Council Planning & Licensing Committee – 21 June 2021

Application No: EPF/1917/21

Officer: Marie-Claire Tovey

Applicant Name: MBNL (EE UK LTD and H3G LTD)

Planning File No: 005276

Location: Epping Forest College, Block B, Borders Lane, Loughton, IG10 3SA

Proposal: Installation of assorted steelwork to support 6no antenna apertures & 3no 600mm dishes; installation of 8no cabinets; ancillary development thereto.

The Committee NOTED the contents of a letter of objection.

The Committee OBJECTED to this application and drew the Planning Officer's attention to the point that applications for planning permission to erect something on top of a building that does not yet exist were not valid.

Applications can only be made under section 96A of the Act (non-material alterations) or section 73 (minor material alterations) of the Act. The erection of this large unsightly apparatus was neither non-material nor was it minor.

Members considered the apparatus was prominent and would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the area. Suggesting this should have been thought through when the original development was planned with any telecom apparatus being integrated into the fabric of the building.