Application Ref: NP/11/290

Application Type GDO Part 24

Grid Ref:

Applicant

Mr E Rees

Agent

Proposal Site Location 1 x new 9metre wooden poles with associated cables Rosemary, Trewent Hill, Freshwater East, Pembroke.

Pembrokeshire, SA71 5LJ

Summary

This is an application made under prior notification GDO Part 24 for 1 no. new telegraph pole on the footway to the front of the residential property known as 'Rosemary'. It is considered that the proposed appearance of the telegraph pole and its siting on the footway on Trewent Hill, the main road through Freshwater East would be acceptable.

Consultee Response

Lamphey Community Council: Concern - Is there a need for yet another pole in Freshwater East. Cables should be laid underground as they are unsightly

Public Response

The application has been publicised via a site notice displayed at the site. No public response has been received.

Policies considered

LDP Policy 01 - National Park purposes and duty

LDP Policy 08 - Special Qualities

LDP Policy 15 - Conservation of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park

LDP Policy 30 - Amenity

LDP Policy 56 - Telecommunications

PPW4 Chapter 04 - Planning for Sustainability

TAN 12 - Design

TAN 19 - Telecommunications

Officer's Appraisal

This application is on the Agenda as the Community Council view is different to the officer recommendation.

Background & Description

The proposed location for the telegraph pole is on the footway on Trewent Hill, the main road through Freshwater East, close to the boundary on the south separating the property from its adjacent neighbour, Triscombe. These properties are set at a higher level than the road.

On the opposite side of the road are residential properties set at a lower level than the road as the land descends to the sea.

Current Proposal

The proposal seeks Prior Approval under Part 24 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended). The proposed telegraph pole would measure 9m high (7.2m above ground) to the south west of the front of the residential property known as 'Rosemary'.

Key Issues

The main issues in respect of this proposal, having regard to the legislative and policy framework, are considered to be:

- Appearance; and,
- Siting

Appearance

The proposed telegraph pole is of a standard wooden type (9m tall) with 7.2m above ground. This design is therefore considered acceptable.

Siting

Policy 15 of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan (LDP) seeks the conservation of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park with criteria 'a' and 'b' resisting development that would cause significant visual intrusion and/or, that would be insensitively and unsympathetically sited within the landscape. Policy 30 of the UDP seeks to avoid development that is of an incompatible scale with its surroundings (criterion 'b') or is visually intrusive (criterion'd').

The proposed location, between two properties on a road with a semi-urban appearance; where there are street lighting columns and telegraph poles already is not considered to be so sensitive as to require alternative provision. In addition, the pole would be sited between the two nearest residential properties and therefore should not interfere with the amenity currently enjoyed by the residents.

Conclusion

It is considered that the proposed telegraph pole in terms of siting and appearance is acceptable and the prior notification be recommended for approval.

Recommendation

That the application be approved.

Additional Material

Drawings:

1:1250 Location Plan - Received 12th July 2011
Proposed Location Plan NTS - Received 12th July 2011
Metre Wooden Pole Planting Diagram - Received 12th July 2011
Photograph Indicating Proposed Siting of Telegraph Pole - Received 28th June 2011

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Map Ref...201643 198260 Scale approx. 1: 1250 FICSOPART

New 9 metre light pole required in footpath o/s Rosemary. Pole to be next to wall and marked with grey paint.

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