

Town & Country Planning (Telecommunications) Development Order 2019

Responses to consultation

Question 5. The order is intended to make it easier to install smaller-scale telecommunications equipment – do you think the order will achieve this?

Proposed response: Yes.

Question 6. The order is intended to ensure that larger-scale telecommunications structures would require a full planning application. This will provide greater control over larger telecommunication infrastructure particularly in sensitive areas. What outcome do you think this could have for the Island?

Proposed response: Enhanced control and scrutiny of applications for such installations.

Question 7. Do you think the proposed prior approval process is appropriate?

Proposed response: As long as it is strictly controlled to prevent abuse. Discussion prior to submission of planning applications is generally positive and this formalises the process. However decisions should be made at a high level and not be delegated below the level of Senior Planning Officer.

Question 8. Schedule 1 sets out general conditions and limitations that will apply to anything permitted under the order. Are there any issues which you think are missing from this list and not adequately covered elsewhere?

Proposed response: It is suggested that in the context of Clause 8, referring to restoration of the site of redundant equipment to the condition it was in prior to the installation, there should be requirement for a photographic record of the property to be made before installation.

Question 9. Do you have any further comments in relation to the Order?

Proposed response: In Schedule 2, Part 4, referring to underground equipment, a minimum depth below ground level should be specified.

And throughout the Order “the Department” is referred to, although which Department is not expressly stated. It would be helpful for the sake of clarity to include it in the Interpretation section.