



Our ref: Airwave/LNC013/EAS0059/SRN GPDO

4TH September 2025

**Chief Planning Officer
Ribble Valley Borough Council
Council Offices
Church Walk
Clitheroe
Lancashire
BB7 2RA**

Application submitted via the Planning Portal

Dear Sir/Madam

Airwave Solutions Ltd. – Prior Approval Application under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) Order 2015 Schedule 2 as amended (2023) (The ‘GPDO’)
Proposed Base Station Site Upgrade for the Shared Rural Network (‘SRN’) LNC013/EAS0059. Existing Airwave Tower site on Land at Dunsop Trout Farm, Dunsop Bridge Clitheroe BB7 3AX. NGR: 365548, 449827

We write on behalf of Airwave Solutions Ltd (Airwave) and the Home Office, with regard to the proposed alterations and the installation of telecommunications apparatus at the above location for the Shared Rural Network (SRN).

This application is submitted for determination as to whether prior approval of the Authority will be required as to the siting and appearance of the development under Schedule 2 of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) Order 2015 as amended (2023) (the ‘GPDO’) and in accordance with the Electronic Communications Code (as amended).

The subject application is in relation to a proposal for the site to be used for the ‘Shared Rural Network’ (SRN). This project was announced in 2020 as a collaboration between the Mobile Network Operators (MNO’s) and the Government for a sustainable approach to the challenge of delivering rural mobile coverage. As result of this, there was a requirement to make new masts such as the existing 15.7m tower at Dunsop Trout Farm ‘future proofed’ for SRN apparatus – in this case in the form of developing a four-legged tower which can then be more easily extended and deployed to provide the public and local community with access to 4G coverage once the additional antennae are deployed on the tower. This being without the need to duplicate infrastructure developments elsewhere, thus minimising the impact more generally in the Forest of Bowland region.

The proposed redevelopment meets the new network’s technical requirements, and the application follows pre-application consultation with your Department, with Bowland Forest (Higher) Parish Council and Ribble Valley Borough Council Ward Councillors – Chipping Ward councillors.

Submitted via the planning portal along with this covering letter are:

- The GPDO prior approval application.
- Copies of the associated General Arrangement Planning Drawings ref: LNC013_GA_01, 02, 03, 04, and 05_V.2.
- Detailed Site Location plan with the proposed site outlined in red, on LNC013_GA_01 V.2. scale 1:2500.

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- Site Block Plan Labelled Demise Plan with the proposed site outlined in red on drawing, LNC013_GA__03_v.2 scale 1:100.
- Vodafone – Site Specific Supporting Technical Information by way of Coverage Plots document
- Planning Supporting Statement - Supplementary Information incorporating a design and access statement.
- ICNIRP Certificate.
- Home Office press release dated 9th March 2020
- Home Office – SRN 'Explainer' document February 2025.
- SRN update February 2025
- Copies of pre-application correspondence
- Permitted Development Notice - Landlord's Notice

Payment of the statutory application fee has been made electronically via Planning Portal.

We trust the supporting / accompanying information are sufficient for the purpose of a decision and look forward to discussing this proposal with you in the near future. In the meantime, should you require any additional information or have any queries relating to this application, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

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For and on behalf of Airwave Solutions Ltd

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