

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing and Regeneration Services)

Social Justice Committee: 14 March 2007

Subject: Proposed T-Mobile Installation

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To update the Committee on the outcome of a survey undertaken by the agents of T-Mobile UK Ltd, Messrs Stappard Howes with regard to telecommunications equipment being installed on the rooftop of Mountblow House Flats.

2. Background

- 2.1** The Committee will be aware of a report submitted by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services to the Social Justice Committee on 12 April 2006 providing information on an enquiry received from T-Mobile UK Ltd for permission to conduct a survey in the Mountblow area of Clydebank for the purpose of identifying, acquiring and building telecommunications installations.
- 2.2** The Committee agreed to grant the request from Messrs Stappard Howes on behalf of their client T-Mobile UK Ltd to undertake a telecommunications survey of local residents.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** Correspondence has now been received from Stappard Howes dated 1 February 2007 (Appendix 1) advising that their Consultation Letter was issued to all 32 residents on 3 January 2007 with a request to be returned by 31 January 2007. Consultation letters invited views on both the request for an initial roof top survey and the siting of a roof based station.
- 3.2** Of the 32 Consultation Letters sent by Stappard Howes, a response was received from 15 residents, equating to a 47% return. Of the 15 returns received, 5 residents did not object to either a survey of the rooftop for suitability or the siting of the base station on the roof.
- 3.3** The remaining 10 returns however indicated objections to both an initial survey and the base station siting.
- 3.4** On the basis of the Consultation Letters returns, Messrs Stappard Howes have assumed that West Dunbartonshire Council does not wish to progress this matter any further but have requested that this be confirmed in writing.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 There is no risk identified with this report.

7. Conclusions

7.1 Given the returns submitted by local residents within Mountblow House, Clydebank, as generally outlined in Section 3 of the report, the original proposal submitted by T-Mobile UK Ltd during July 2005 seeking to establish if the Council would be interested in taking forward proposals to consider telecommunications installations on the rooftop of Mountblow House Flats is not supported.

8. Recommendations

8.1 The Committee is invited to consider the contents of this report.

8.2 The Committee is invited to instruct the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing and Regeneration Services) to write formally to Messrs Stappard Howes advising that the Council does not wish to progress this matter any further.

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Appendices: Letter from Stappard Howes dated 1 February 2007

Background Papers: 1. Report to Social Justice Committee, 12 April 2006
2. Consultation Sheets

Wards Affected: 3