

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services

Social Justice Committee: 12 April 2006

Subject: Proposed T-Mobile Installation

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To advise the Committee of an enquiry received from Messrs 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. Background

- 2.1** A letter dated 26 July 2005 was received from Messrs Stappard Howes (Building Communications) acting on behalf of their clients T-Mobile UK Ltd, this seeking to establish if the Council would be interested in taking forward proposals to consider telecommunication installations in the Mountblow area of Clydebank. This letter with supporting photographs (attached as Appendix 1 to this report) indicated an interest in two specific areas and installations, these being:-
- (a) 3 No pole mounted antennas and subsequent equipment on the rooftop of the Mountblow House Flats, or
 - (b) a ground based mast within the grounds of Dalmuir Golf Course.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** It has since been intimated by Messrs Stappard Howes that their Client has now nominated their preferred site as option 2.1(a) above at Mountblow House Flats.
- 3.2** In order however to submit a planning application to the Council, Messrs Stappard Howes request permission for their design engineers to gain access to the flats to carry out a rooftop survey. It is noted by Stappard Howes that this would determine the feasibility of the site and enable the production of site specific plans outlining the design proposal to be submitted with any planning application.
- 3.3** The Committee is advised that to date correspondence from Messrs Stappard Howes has only been acknowledged and that no permission for surveys has been given.

- 3.4** Advice from Legal department is that there is no requirement to allow access, subject to T-Mobile indicating that they have statutory powers allowing them to install equipment without Council approval as landowner. T-Mobile UK Ltd have given no such indication.
- 3.5** In general terms any proposed installation would require consideration by the Department of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services as regards formal application, planning permission or any eventual negotiation of Heads of Agreement.
- 4. Personnel Issues**
- 4.1** None.
- 5. Financial Implications**
- 5.1** None at present.
- 6. Recommendation**
- 6.1** **The Committee is invited to consider whether the request from Messrs Stappard Howes on behalf of their client T-Mobile UK Ltd to undertake a telecommunications survey be granted.**

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Date: 3 April 2006

Wards Affected: 3

Appendix 1: Letter and photographs dated 26 July 2005

Background Papers: Report to Council dated 29 October 2003 by Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services

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