

# North York Moors National Park Authority

Borough: Scarborough Borough Council  
Parish: Hawsker-Cum-Stainsacre

Application No. NYM/2016/0296/FL

Proposal: installation of 0.75m diameter VSAT dish antenna

Location: Whitby Business Park, Fairfield Way, Whitby

Decision Date: 20 June 2016

## Consultations

Parish - Support. It will improve service in the area.

Site Notice Expiry Date - 06 June 2016.

## Director of Planning's Recommendation

Approval subject to the following conditions:

1.	TIME01	The development hereby permitted shall be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.
2.	PLAN02	The development hereby approved shall be only carried out in strict accordance with the detailed specifications and plans comprised in the application hereby approved or in accordance with any minor variation thereof that may be approved by the Local Planning Authority.
3.	MISC00	If the use of the equipment for the purposes of telecommunications permanently ceases, the equipment shall be removed from the site unless the Local Planning Authority has otherwise agreed in writing.

## Reason for Conditions

1.	TIME01	To ensure compliance with Sections 91 to 94 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended.
2.	PLAN01	For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the details of the development comply with the provisions of NYM Core Policy A and NYM Development Policy 3, which seek to conserve and enhance the special qualities of the NYM National Park.
3.	MISC00	In order to comply with the provisions of NYM Development Policy 25 which seeks to ensure that there is a functional requirement for such equipment and reduce any unnecessary landscape impact.



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**Background**

This application relates to an existing 45m high telecommunications mast located to the north of Whitby Industrial Estate in an open field close to the National Park boundary. The mast is typical in terms of the appearance expected for transmission and communication purposes of lattice design, fixed by guy ropes with a small ancillary building at its foot. The existing mast can be seen from the main A171 road that leads from Scarborough to Whitby and from within the Business Park.

Recent approved planning applications include an additional 750mm satellite dish (with associated support apparatus) and for the re-routing of the access track.

This application proposes the installation of a 0.75 metre diameter dish antenna on the existing equipment building. The applicant has stated that the dish is required to provide monitoring of the existing terrestrial television and radio services transmitting from the site.

**Main Issues**

Development Policy 24 of the NYM Local Development Framework seeks to support the provision of infrastructure for telecommunications and information technology where it is of a scale and design appropriate to the National Park and helps meet the needs of Local Communities. And where there are no alternative suitable means of provision, no adverse visual impact on the locality, it makes use of the least environmentally intrusive option available, it is part of a long term co-ordinated strategy and provision is made for the removal of equipment when redundant.

This proposal makes use of an existing telecommunications site and the proposed dish would be attached to an existing equipment building. The host building is typically utilitarian in design and of modern construction; the low height of the proposed dish will have very little impact in views towards this long-established telecommunications site and would not therefore, be visually intrusive. The amount and scale of work proposed is very small and its appearance is typical for the purpose for which it is required.

The Parish Council supports the application and no other comments have been received.

In view of the above it is considered that the proposal would be in accordance with Development Policy 25 of the NYM Local Development Framework and therefore approval is recommended.

**Explanation of how the Authority has Worked Positively with the Applicant/Agent**

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

