

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P09/0172

Type of approval sought	Full Planning Permission
Ward	BRIERLEY HILL
Applicant	Alex Totney, Stourbridge Radio Group Ltd
Location:	DEAN COURT, CHAPEL STREET, BRIERLEY HILL, WEST MIDLANDS, DY5 2UU
Proposal	INSTALLATION OF 2 NO. ANTENNAE TO REPLACE EXISTING AND 1 NO. IP-TO-IP LINK RECEIVER ON SEPARATE POLE
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The application site is a high rise block of flats set within a well established residential area and occupies a plot of 387m². The application block is set within an estate of both high rise and low rise flats. This high rise block houses 48 flats over 12 floors. The building is finished with a flat roof with a 2.1m high metal railing to the perimeter with glass inserts.
2. The application building has 5 roof top installations in the form of antennas. These installations serve the following:
 - Digital broadcast reception aerials. Approximately 2m above roof level
 - Analogue reception aerials. Approximately 2m above roof level
 - A beam aerial for Seven Trent Telemetry. Approximately 0.6m above roof level
 - Ambulance aerial. Approximately 6.1 above roof level
 - CCTV link. Approximately 2.4 above roof level

PROPOSAL

3. This application seeks approval for the installation of two antenna associated with a local radio station based in Stourbridge. The antenna would be installed to an existing pole associated with a CCTV link which is to be removed. Further, the largest of the

existing antenna associated with the ambulance aerial is now abandoned and is proposed to be removed. This installation is proposed to be removed from three story flats at 7, Dobbins Oak Road, Wollescote.

HISTORY

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APPLICATION No.	PROPOSAL	DECISION	DATE
DB/67/2938	ERECTION OF U.H.F. AERIAL MAST.	Approved with Conditions	19/09/67
90/52373	APPLICATION FOR DEEMED CONSENT UNDER REGULATION 4 FOR PROVISION OF LAUNDRY FACILITIES MEETING ROOM AND EXTERNAL REFURBISHMENT	Approved with Conditions	10/01/91

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

5. A ward councillor has requested that this application go to Development Control Committee.
6. A petition containing 32 signatures has been received. The petition states that the signatories “protest to any further mast of any kind” but state no material planning reasons for their objections. A site notice has also been posted for comments by the 23rd March 2009. Any further correspondence will be reported by way of a pre-committee note.

OTHER CONSULTATION

7. Head of Environmental Protection and Trading Standards – No objections to the proposals.

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICY

8. Local Planning Guidance

- PPG8 - Telecommunications

9 Adopted UDP

- DD4 Development in Residential Areas
- DD13 Telecommunications

ASSESSMENT

10. Key Issues

- Impact upon the character of the area
- Impact upon residential amenity
- Neighbour objections

Impact on Character of the Area

11. The proposed antenna is a roof top installation and would be sited on an existing pole at the top of a twelve storey building. Further it is proposed to remove various existing antenna, which have been abandoned, during the installation of this development. In this regard, the proposed antenna installation is not considered to have a detrimental impact on the character of the wider area and therefore complies with the requirements of PPG 8 – Telecommunications and Policies DD4 – Development in Residential Areas and DD13 – Telecommunications of the Adopted UDP (October 2005).

Impact on residential amenity.

12. The proposed antenna would not be visible from the flats within the application block as it is a roof top installation. The neighbouring blocks are sited with ample separation distance from Dean Court for the addition of this antenna not to be deemed as

visually obtrusive. In this regard, the proposed antenna installation is considered to comply with the requirements of PPG 8 – Telecommunications and Policies DD4 – Development in Residential Areas and DD13 – Telecommunications of the Adopted UDP (October 2005).

Neighbour Objections

13. Whilst it is accepted that there is objection to the scheme from local residents it is considered there are no material planning grounds to substantiate a recommendation of refusal for this application.

CONCLUSION

14. The proposed antenna would be a roof top installation and as a result would have no detrimental impact on residential amenity or on the character of the wider area.

RECOMMENDATION

15. It is recommended that the application be approved subject to the following condition:

Reason for approval

The proposed antenna would be a roof top installation and as a result would have no detrimental impact on residential amenity or on the character of the wider area.

The decision to grant planning permission has been taken with regard to the policies in the adopted Dudley Unitary Development Plan (2005) and to all relevant material considerations.

The above is intended as a summary of the reasons for the grant of planning permission. For further detail on the decision please see the application report.

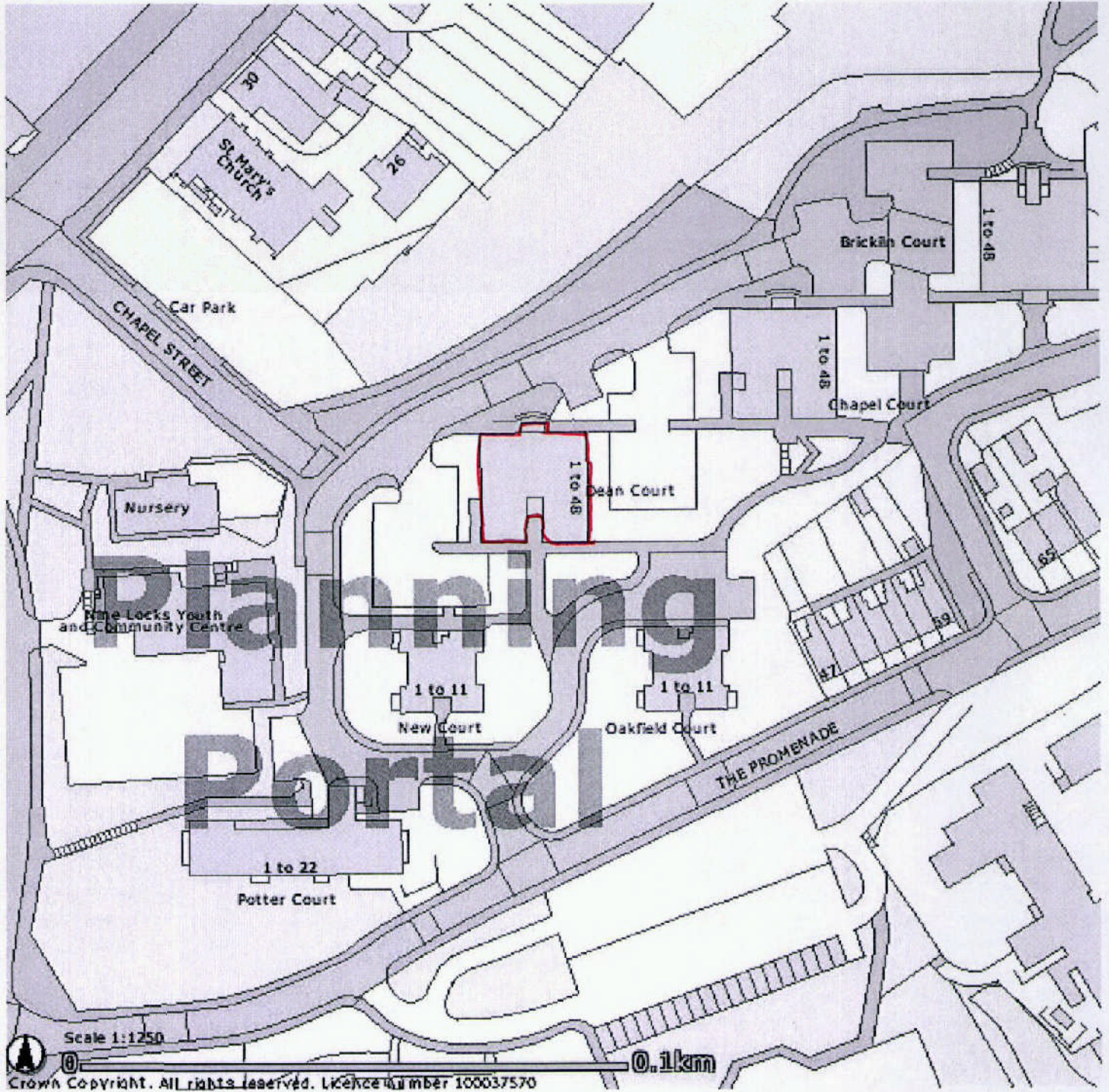
Note to Applicant

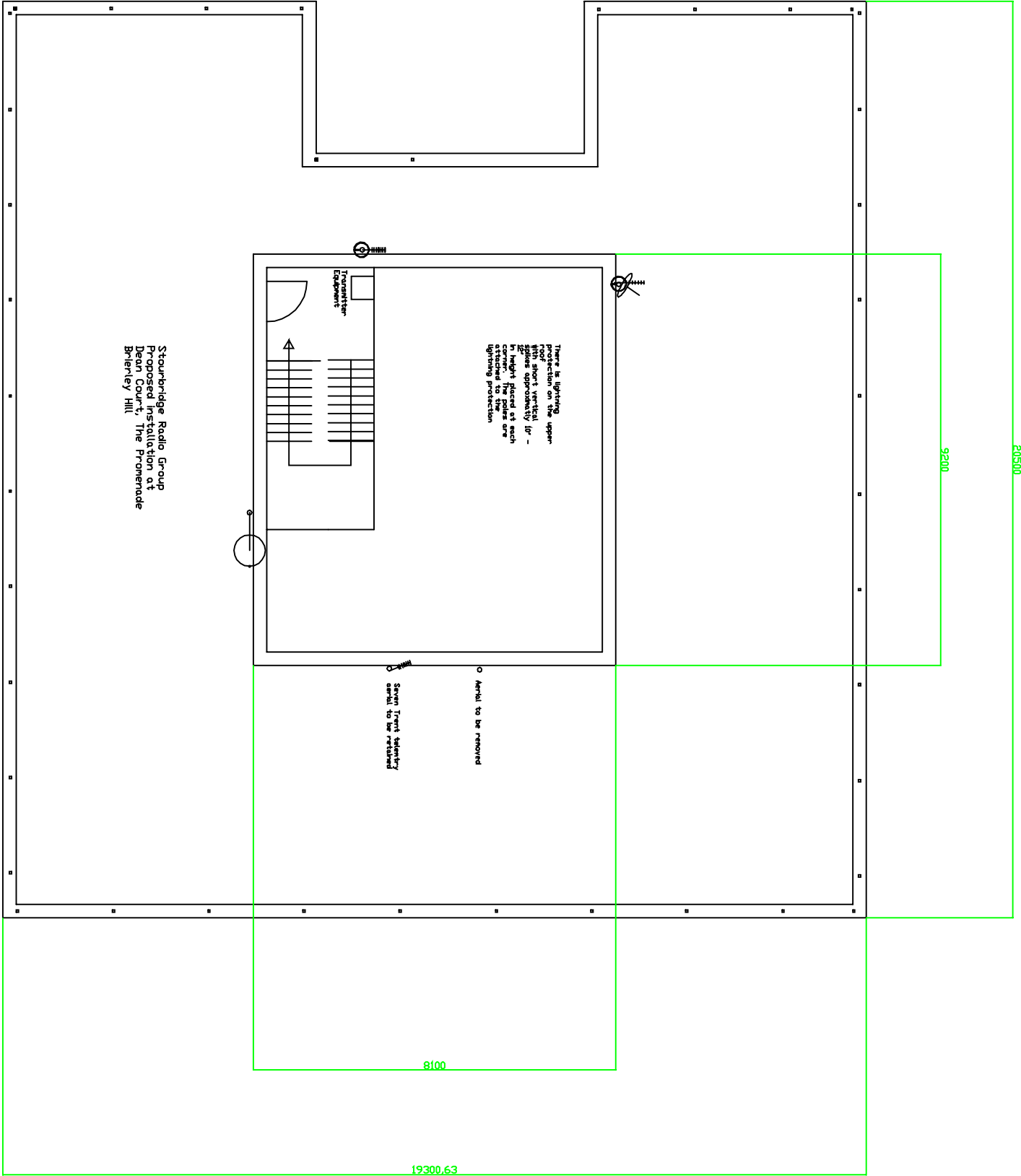
This permission relates to the submitted plans and associated documentation unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

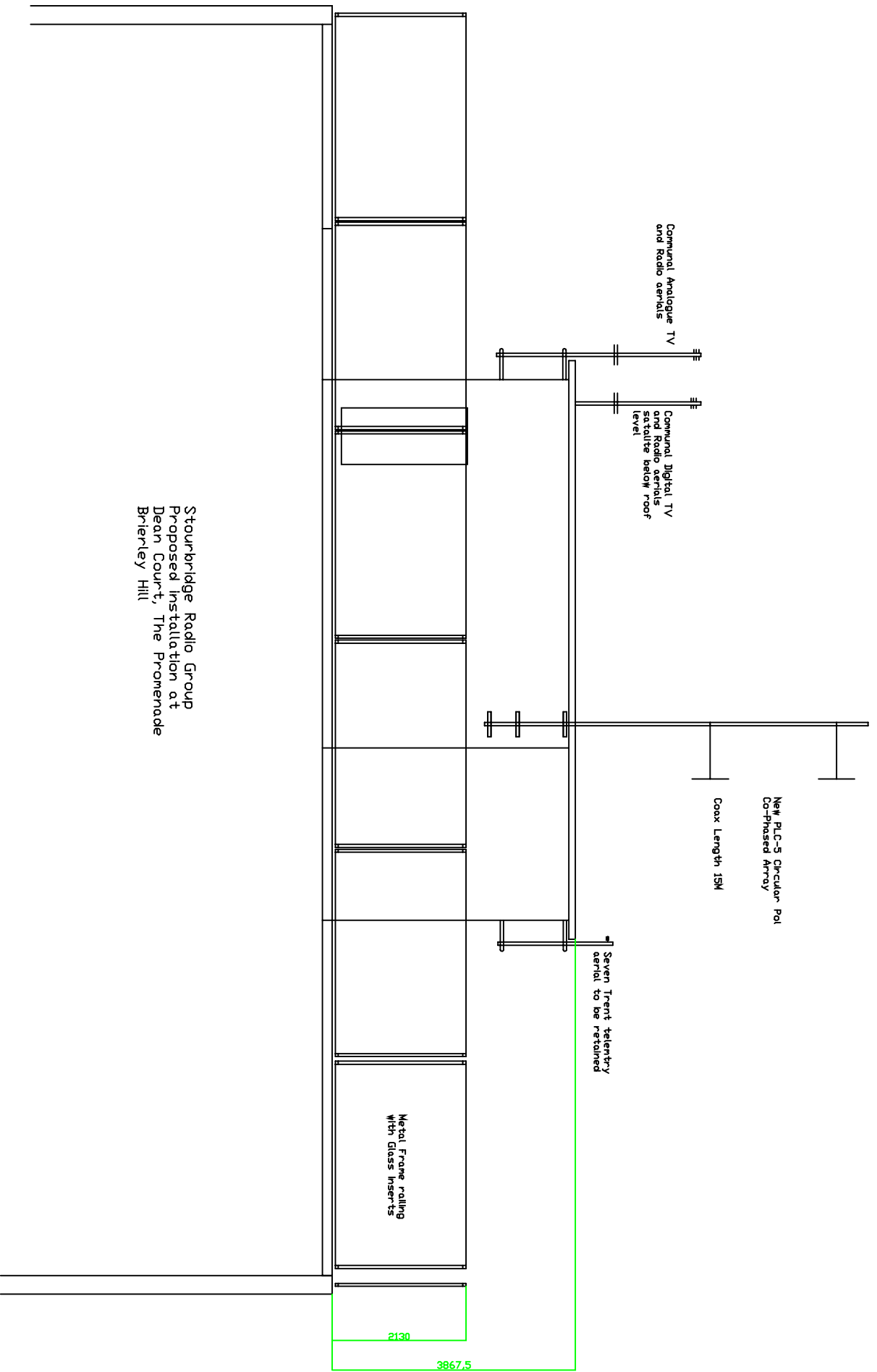
Conditions and/or reasons:

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Location Plan
PO9/0172.







Stourbridge Radio Group
 Proposed Installation at
 Dean Court, The Promenade
 Brierley Hill