

Aerial Masts in Mortlake and East Sheen

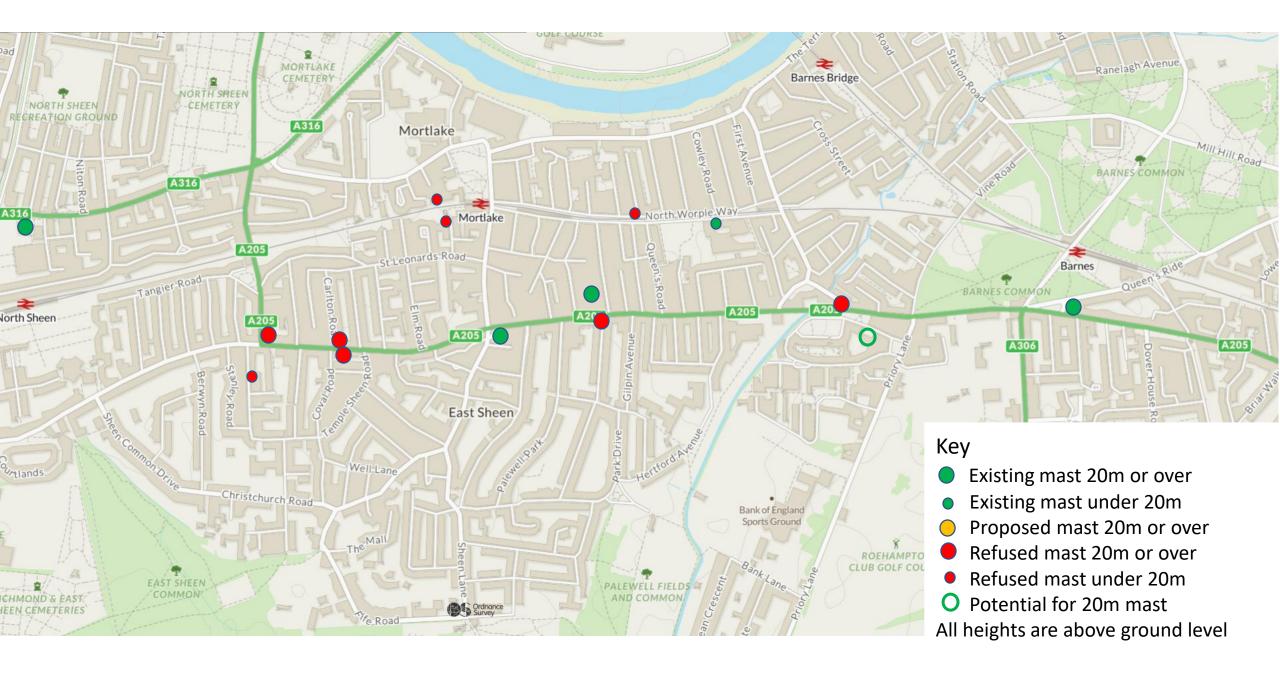
The Mortlake with East Sheen Society (MESS) is concerned about the deluge of planning applications from various providers for 20m aerial masts to accommodate 5G broadband. It notes that some, but not all, aerial masts are 'permitted development' under Part 16 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) **subject to prior approval being required for the siting and appearance**. However, there needs to be some strategic thinking, vis.

- Can the existing masts 20m above ground be adapted?
- How far apart should new masts be spaced between the existing masts?

In order to assess whether the proposed aerial mast is acceptable in terms of its **siting and appearance** MESS has requested that the Council insist on applications being accompanied by photomontages. Alas, none have ever emerged. MESS has accordingly produced its own photomontages using a standard photo-plotting technique. They may not be 100% accurate but they give a much clearer impression of the potential visual impact than the applicants' drawings. This presentation shows our photomontages for the following applications in chronological order:

15/1313/MOB Outside Nos. 469-471 Upper Richmond Road West (Council refused) 17/0472/TEL Outside Barnes Hospital, South Worple Way (Council refused but appeal upheld) 20/1077/FUL On roof of Nos. 40-59 Rosemary Gardens (Council refused and appeal dismissed) 20/1206/TEL At Mortlake Bus Turnaround, North Worple Way (Council refused) 20/2044/TEL At Mortlake Bus Turnaround, North Worple Way (Council refused and appeal dismissed) 21/3178/TEL At Mortlake Bus Turnaround, North Worple Way (Council refused and appeal dismissed) 20/2334/TEL On roof of Telephone Exchange, Upper Richmond Road West (Council approved) 20/2678/TEL Outside The Willoughbys, Upper Richmond Road West (withdrawn) 20/3357/FUL On roof of Park Sheen, Derby Road (Council refused) 22/1341/FUL On roof of St Leonards Court (Council refused) 22/1380/TEL Outside Nos. 215-219 Upper Richmond Road West (Council refused) 22/1792/TEL Outside No. 350 Upper Richmond Road West (Council refused) 22/1906/TEL Outside No. 424 Upper Richmond Road West (Council refused)

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15/1313/MOB Outside Nos. 469-471 Upper Richmond Road West. 25m high monopole for 4G. MESS was one of 445 objectors and there was one supporter.

Council refused on grounds of its excessive and dominating scale and visual intrusiveness.



17/0472/TEL Outside Barnes Hospital, South Worple Way. 12.5m high monopole for 4G, painted brown to look like a telegraph pole. There were 8 objectors but MESS reserved its position. Council refused but the applicant appealed and won. Installed in 2019.



17/4063 Parkway House, Sheen Lane. Application was for additional storey but with no change in height of existing aerial mast (23m above ground), for which a separate application is awaited. MESS objected to the additional storey – Council refused but the applicant appealed and won.



20/1077/FUL On roof of Nos. 40-59 Rosemary Gardens. 2 x 3.4m high antennas for 4G hidden by shroud rising to 13.4m above ground. MESS was one of numerous objectors. Council refused on grounds of intrusiveness and harm to character of Conservation Area. Appeal dismissed.



20/1206/TEL Mortlake Bus Turnaround, North Worple Way. 15m high monopole for 4G painted brown. MESS was one of over 200 objectors. Council refused on grounds of its dominance, visual intrusiveness and harm to character of Queens Road Conservation Area opposite.



20/2044/TEL Mortlake Bus Turnaround, North Worple Way. 12.5m high monopole for 4G painted brown. There were 170 approx objectors and 3 supporters. MESS reserved its position saying there should be landscaping to soften the impact. Council refused again. Appeal dismissed.



21/3178/TEL Mortlake Bus Turnaround, North Worple Way. 10m high monopole for 4G painted brown. There were 84 objectors and 4 supporters. MESS reserved its position saying there should be landscaping to soften the impact. Council refused again. Appeal dismissed again.



20/2334/TEL On roof of Telephone Exchange, Upper Richmond Road West. 2 x 4.5m high antennas for 5G rising to 21m above ground. 14 objectors. MESS reserved its position noting that aerial masts already exist atop this building. Council approved.



20/2678/TEL Outside The Willoughbys, Upper Richmond Road West. 20m high monopole for 5G painted grey. About 20 objectors. MESS did not object as the site was just outside its area. Application withdrawn after Council indicated potential harm to the character of the area.



20/3357/FUL On roof of Park Sheen, Derby Road. Antennas for 5G rising 3.7m above parapet and to 15m above ground. MESS objected. Council refused on grounds of the proliferation of intrusive visual rooftop clutter that would harm the character of the building and area.



22/1341/FUL On roof of Nos. 101-111 St Leonards Court. 7.5m pole and two 600mm dishes for 5G rising to 18m above ground. MESS objected. Council refused on grounds of harm to the settings of adjacent BTMs.



22/1380/TEL Outside bed shop at nos. 215-219 Upper Richmond Road West at the northern end of East Sheen Avenue. 20m pole for 5G. MESS among 120 objectors. Council refused on grounds of adverse impact on East Sheen Avenue Conservation Area and nearby BTMs.



22/1792/TEL Outside No. 350 Upper Richmond Road West at the junction with Carlton Road. 20m pole for 5G. MESS among 17 objectors. Council refused: unduly dominant, incongruous and visually intrusive. Also harmful impact on adjacent BTMs and trees.



22/1906/TEL Outside No. 424 Upper Richmond Road West at the junction with Clifford Avenue. 20m monopole. View south to junction. MESS among 8 objectors. Council refused: unduly dominant, incongruous and visually intrusive. Also concern from TfL about obstruction.