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Dear Mr Stevenson

O2 Masts, Waltham Abbey

I refer to our meeting in this office with yourself, your colleague and David Baker of Development Control on February 11 2010, during which we discussed your mast at Stonyshotts/ Honey Lane and your company's desire to achieve a new mast on the roof of the Marriott Hotel at Waltham Abbey.

Although O2's aspirations for a further mast is not in the annual roll out plan from last year you indicated that it is in a revision of that plan which has not yet been published.

We briefly discussed some of the technical issues surrounding the case for such a mast within the Marriott site, and it was agreed that your technical advisors would be considering these points in more detail.

My expectation was that you will shortly be in a position to be able to provide us with more details of such a proposal, for example a more specific position, details of the height/ design of such a rooftop mast, the details of the cell or cells which it would cover and so that we can give such a proposal more consideration and which will then enable us to indicate whether a specific planning permission would be required or whether the project would be covered by the "prior approval" procedures.

It seems clear to me that a rooftop mast on such a large building complex is a quite different proposition from a "roadside" mast; although there are residential properties that adjoin the site of the Marriott Hotel.

It would be very useful for all concerned to understand how we could move forward quickly in this matter, recognising, of course, that due processes will have to be observed, but I would be very glad to hear of an intended timescale from you, as to when we might receive the information described in paragraph 4 above.

I am under pressure to achieve a way forward with you, failing which I need to report back to the Cabinet of the Council.

Yours sincerely

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