

Committee:	Date:
Planning Applications Sub Committee	2 nd July 2024
Subject: Cromwell Tower, Barbican Estate, London EC2 8DD The installation of 92 no. small antennas attached to new supporting steelwork, together with associated shrouding and ancillary works, on the rooftop of the building.	Public
Ward: Cripplegate	For Decision
Registered No: 23/01387/LBC	Registered on: 7 th March 2024
Conservation Area: Barbican and Golden Lane Estates	Listed Building: Grade II

Summary

The application property is Cromwell Tower, one of the three monumental towers which are part of The Barbican Estate, a Grade II listed building. It is within the Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area.

The application for listed building consent (together with an application for Planning Permission - 23/01386/FULL) has been submitted by Luminet Solutions Ltd. for the installation of 92 no. small antennas attached to new supporting steelwork, together with associated GPR shrouding and ancillary works, on the rooftop of Cromwell Tower.

The application states the equipment would enable line-of-sight wireless internet connection between local buildings within the area, which would allow for the wireless connection of fibre-quality internet between short-range buildings. Due to the nature of the technology, tall buildings are preferable.

Insufficient information has been submitted with the application to demonstrate compliance with the International Commission (ICRU) guidelines on radiation exposure, nor evidence of consultation with local institutions and therefore the acceptability of the principle of development in this location cannot be determined.

Notwithstanding the above, officers also consider the proposal to be inappropriate in this location due to the harmful impact (defined as less than substantial harm) it would have upon the design and appearance of Cromwell Tower, the wider area and the special characteristics of the Barbican Estate (Grade II listed) and the Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area.

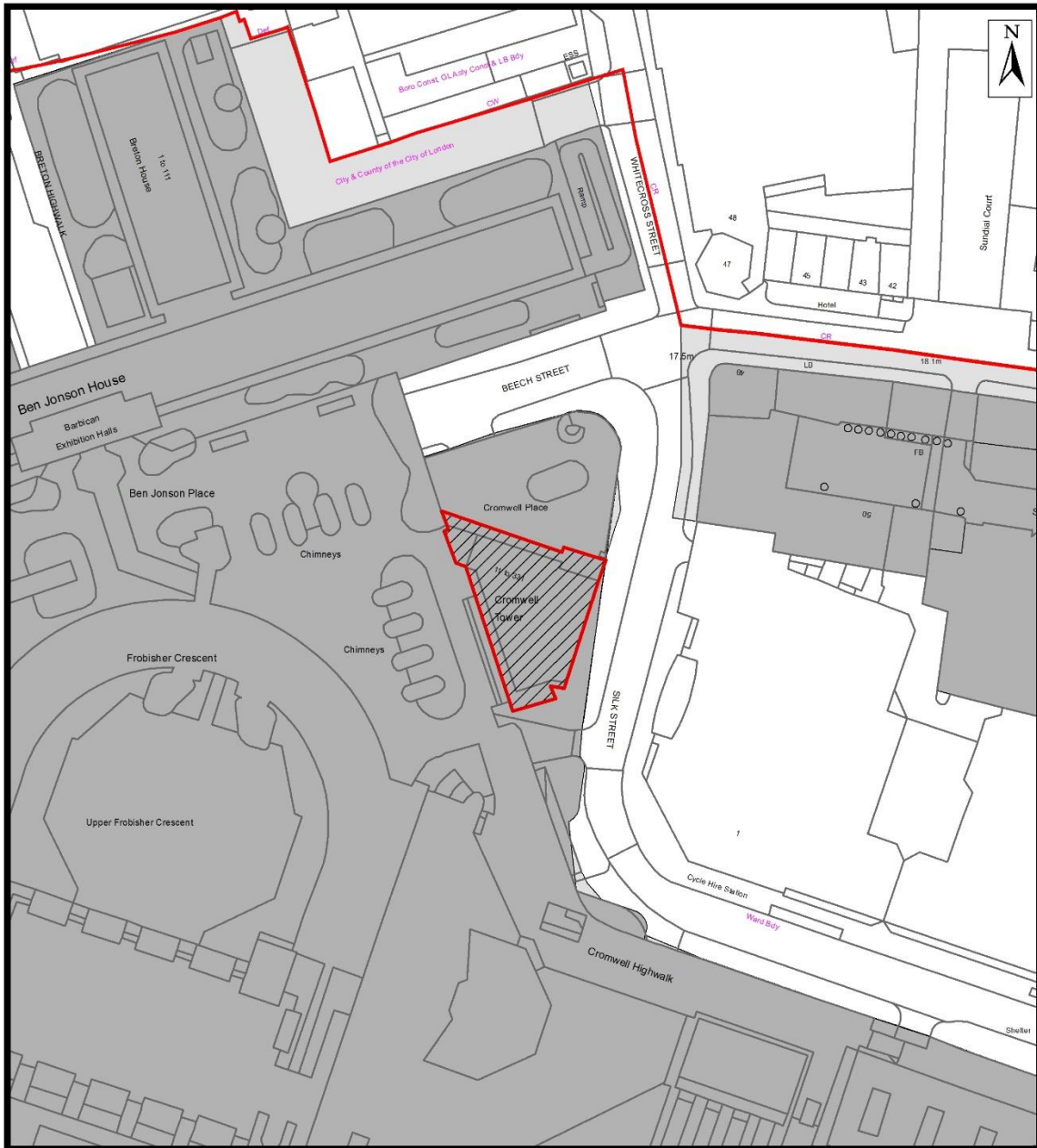
57 objections have been received to the Listed Building Consent, and 43 to the full application.

Recommendation

That the Development Director be authorised to issue a decision notice refusing to Listed Building Consent for the above proposal for the following reasons:

1. The proposals would fail to preserve the special architectural and historic interest and setting of Cromwell Tower as part of the Barbican Estate (Grade II) and the Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area, causing less than substantial harm to their heritage significance as a result of direct and indirect impacts on the heritage assets. The harm would not be outweighed by public benefits. The proposal is not in accordance with London Plan Policy HC1; Local Plan Policies CS 12, DM 12.1, DM 12.3; HE1; Draft City Plan Policies S11 and HE1 and the NPPF.
2. The proposals would fail to protect and enhance views of the Barbican Towers as identified city landmarks and is not in accordance with Local Plan policy CS13 (2), emerging City Plan 2040 S13 and guidance in the Protected Views SPD.

Site Location Plan



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ADDRESS:
391 Cromwell Tower, Barbican

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-  SITE LOCATION
-  LISTED BUILDINGS
-  CONSERVATION AREA BOUNDARY
-  CITY OF LONDON BOUNDARY



ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Photographs



Image 1: View from lower roof terrace



Image 2: View from Wallside within the Barbican Estate



Image 3: View from bridge over Aldersgate Street leading from Barbican Station

Main Report

Please refer to committee report for 23/01386/FULL

APPENDIX A: BACKGROUND PAPERS

Plan titled:

- 101 Rev.B Site Location Plans
- 102 Rev.B Existing Roof Plan
- 103 Rev.B Proposed Roof Plan
- 104A Rev.B Existing North East Elevation A
- 104B Rev.B Existing South East Elevation B
- 104C Rev.B Existing South West Elevation C
- 104D Rev.B Existing North West Elevation D
- 105A Rev.B Proposed North East Elevation A
- 105B Rev.B Proposed South East Elevation B
- 105C Rev.B Proposed South West Elevation C
- 104D Rev.B Proposed North West Elevation D

Document titled:

- Overview of Luminet Technology and Health & Safety Statement (Luminet, 13 November 2023)
- Declaration of Conformity for RF Exposure (Signed by CEO of Siklu Communications Ltd., dated 5 July 2018)
- Covering Letter (Luminet, 14 December 2023)

List of neighbouring objections (23/01387/LBC):

- Sarah Stobbs
- Tom and Helen Flanagan
- Mr Tom Flanagan
- Mr Gordon Wise
- Mr Paul Moriarty
- Ms Elizabeth Evans
- Stephen Rothholz
- Mr christos christou
- Lisa Shaw
- David Candy
- Richard Barrett
- Ms Lucy Sisman
- Michèle Riley
- Dr Michèle Riley
- Ms Karen Munroe
- Claire Anstee
- Mr Robert McKay
- Terry Bennett
- Hiroko Mitomi
- Mr Rob Letham

- Ms Helen Fairfoul
- Felicity Guinness
- Jane Northcote
- John Shuker
- Mrs Myra Moriarty
- Roger Braybrooks
- Roger Braybrooks
- Alison Braybrooks
- Alan Budgen
- Mr Roy Sully
- Mr Chris Dixon
- Mr Alastair Cookson
- Tony Brady
- Mr John Spicer
- Mr Peter Archbold
- Mrs Helen Clifford
- Mrs Jane Samsworth
- Ms Mary Gilchrist
- Ms Anett Rideg
- Dr Martin Farebrother
- Dr Martin Farebrother
- Bruno Min
- Bruno Min
- Mrs Jill Jones
- Mr Alberto Garciga
- Mr andrew smith
- Dr Alexander Wilson
- Dr Nicholas Deakin
- Dr Elaine Murphy
- Philip Crawford
- Judith Flanders
- Mr Michael Callow
- Ms Katherine Jacomb
- Dr Harrison Glancy
- Mr Jan Demytri Szczesny
- Mr Peter Savage

List of Statutory or Other Consultee Responses

- Historic England
- Barbican Association
- Barbican and Golden Lane Neighbourhood Forum
- Barbican Estate Office

APPENDIX B: RELEVANT POLICES

Relevant London Plan Policies

Policy D4 Delivering Good Design

Policy HC1 Heritage conservation and growth

Policy HC3 Strategic and Local Views

Policy HC4 London View Management Framework

Policy SI 6 Digital Connectivity Infrastructure

Relevant Local Plan Policies

CS2 Utilities Infrastructure

CS12 Historic Environment

DM12.1 Managing change affecting all heritage assets

DM12.2 Development in conservation areas

DM12.3 Listed Buildings

CS13 Protected Views

Relevant City Corporation Guidance and Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)

Barbican and Golden Lane Estates Conservation Area Appraisal (2022);

Protected Views SPD (January 2012)

Relevant Draft City Plan 2040 Policies

S8 Design

S11 Historic environment

S13 Protected Views

HE1 Managing change to heritage assets