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Date: 22nd March 2012

Dear Sir / Madam

MERTON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – DRAFT SITES & POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD) CONSULTATION.

The Mobile Operators Association (MOA) represents the four UK mobile network operators – 3, O2, Everything, Everywhere (formerly Orange & T-Mobile) and Vodafone – on radio frequency health and safety and associated town planning issues.

The MOA has commissioned MONO Consultants Ltd to monitor all emerging development plan policies and supplementary planning guidance relating to telecommunications development on its behalf.

Please find attached a response to the current consultation documents prepared by MONO Consultants Ltd on behalf of the MOA.

Yours faithfully,



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Thank you for your recent consultation on the above. We would like to offer our support to the inclusion of Policy DMD6: Telecommunications, within the above emerging Development Plan Document. We both welcome the inclusion of this policy within the LDF to facilitate telecommunications development and support its provisions which we find to be generally in accordance with PPG8. We would support this approach over reliance on PPG8 itself, or a more restrictive policy which may have elements contrary to the national guidance in PPG8.

We also welcome the Council's intention to prepare a Telecommunications SPD as part of the LDF to provide further detailed design guidance on this form of development and look forward to receiving the consultation on the draft document in due course.

We trust you find the above comments of assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this further or wish to arrange a meeting.

Yours faithfully