

## List of delegated planning applications with objections received / recommendation to refuse

**Week Ending 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

Item Number 1			
<b>Application Reference</b>	LA05/2026/0004/F	<b>Date Valid</b>	02.01.2026
<b>Description of Proposal</b>	Installation of a 20.0m street works pole, supporting 6no, antennas and 3no. RRUs. The installation of 2no. cabinets and all ancillary works thereto	<b>Location</b>	10m northwest of Hanwood Farm, Old Dundonald Road, Dundonald
<b>Group Recommendation</b>	Approval	<b>Case Officer</b>	Callum Henderson
Reasons for Recommendation			
All relevant planning material considerations have been satisfied.			
Representations			
<b>Objection Letters</b>	<b>Support Letters</b>	<b>Objection Petitions</b>	<b>Support Petitions</b>
8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Consideration of Objections			
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Consideration of Issue</b>		
Proximity to Dwellings.	The proposed pole and antenna will be over 26.0m from the nearest residential receptor at 36 Hanwood Farm, with those at Hanwood Avenue over 60.0m to the north. This will sit along the Old Dundonald Road, of which is a heavily trafficked area and is adjacent to the Dundonald Ice Bowl complex. It is considered that the addition of this street works pole will not prove to be an incongruous addition and is situated at an appropriate distance from said residential receptors with a justification of this location provided in a sequential approach from the applicants and is detailed in the visual amenity section below.		
Visual Amenity.	<p>The street pole will sit on an area of grassland along the Old Dundonald Road and will be equidistant to the entrances to both Hanwood Farm and the entrance to the Dundonald Ice Bowl complex. The locality is a heavily trafficked with adjacent leisure and nearby retail uses. In what is a built-up area, the addition of a monopole antenna is not considered to materially harm visual amenity and is considered to be a common sight across urban areas. The addition of this street works pole that is to be nestled amongst trees of which are to be retained, will not prove to be an incongruous addition and is situated at an appropriate distance from residential receptors.</p> <p>The justification of the location provided by the applicants sets out that there has been a shift in the need for capacity from city centres to residential areas and suburbs as a result of home working. This particular</p>		

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	<p>installation will add additional capacity to existing 4G networks while providing new 5G coverage for the Dundonald area. The upgrade of a nearby mast on Kings Road was not considered feasible due to the need for both 4G and 5G services to be installed. A sequential approach was applied and given the need to augment existing coverage, the operators were limited in scope in terms of suitable locations near to Kings Road. In light of this assessment, the proposal is considered to be in compliance with Policy TEL1 in that it has been demonstrated that a sequential approach has been taken, with a justification provided as to why other infrastructure cannot be upgraded or shared and that the proposed presents a better environmental solution than other options.</p>
Loss of View.	<p>The right to a view and the potential impact on individual properties is a material consideration, however it is not given determining weight in this instance. The addition of this street works pole that is to be nestled amongst retained trees, will not prove to be an incongruous addition and is situated at an appropriate distance from residential receptors. It is not considered to obstruct views and is thus not given determining weight, nor will it cause loss of light or outlook to neighbouring sites.</p>
Road Safety.	<p>The potential for a reduction in sight lines for those egressing Hanwood Farm and the Dundonald Ice Bowl complex was raised within the submitted objections. While the street pole will be adjacent the footpath and Old Dundonald Road, it is not considered to infringe upon sight lines, in consultation with DfI Roads, who offered no objection to the proposal.</p>
Property Value.	<p>Loss of property value is not considered to be a planning matter, issues that would detrimentally harm the character of an area or that of visual amenity are however planning matters and have been dealt with in the paragraphs above. The placement of such telecommunications infrastructure is considered to be an accepted part of the urban fabric to facilitate the provision of high-quality telecommunications infrastructure.</p>
Health risks.	<p>The proposal will be compliant ICNIRP guidelines and will be conditioned as such to adhere to said guidelines. The proposal is not considered to impact upon public health in consultation with Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council Environmental Health Department who offered no objection to the proposal subject to the imposition of the aforementioned condition relating to ICNIRP Guidelines.</p>