

# Planning & Development Preliminary Enquiry

## Installation of Microwave Antenna on a dwelling (not flat)

We need some information from you in order for us to advise whether or not planning permission is required for what you intend to do. Please use this form to set out some brief details about your proposals.

Return the completed form to Planning & Development, North West Leicestershire District Council, Council Offices, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 3FJ, or by email to [development.control@nwleicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:development.control@nwleicestershire.gov.uk).

We will try to reply to your enquiry within 7 days, advising you whether or not permission is required. If you require further advice please contact Planning & Development on 01530 454665/666.

Name	Tel. Number
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Your Address	Site Address (if different from your address)
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Email address:

1. a) Are there any antenna currently present on the dwellinghouse or within its curtilage? If so please state how many ..... (if none, please move to question 3)

b) How many of these existing antenna are no longer needed for reception or transmission purposes and will be removed? .....

2. Please give details of the exact length of the existing antenna?

.....cm      .....cm      .....cm      .....cm

*The length of the antenna is to be measured in any linear direction, and shall exclude any projecting feed element, reinforcing rim, mounting or brackets.*

3. What is the length of the antenna to be installed? .....cm

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4. Would the antenna have a cubic capacity of more than 35 litres?      Yes / No

5. Does the property have a chimney? Yes / No If No, move to question 7.  
b) If yes, would the proposed antenna be installed on the chimney? Yes / No

6. Would the antenna protrude above the highest part of the chimney, or 60cm above the highest part of the ridge tiles of the roof, whichever is the lower? Yes / No

7. Where the property does not have a chimney, would the antenna protrude above the highest part of the roof? Yes / No

8. Is the property a Listed Building or within a Conservation Area? Yes / No / Don't know

9. Would the antenna be positioned on a building which exceeds 15m in height? Yes / No

10. Would the antenna be positioned on a chimney, wall or roof slope which faces onto, and is visible from, a highway? Yes / No

If No, please describe where the antenna would be positioned, or provide an illustrative sketch within the space below or on an attached sheet.

*NOTE: Please remember to include all dimensions (length, width and height) of the buildings or structures, using either millimetres (mm), centimetres (cm) or metres (m). Please label which is the principal, rear and side elevations of the dwelling/building within the curtilage of the dwelling.*

**ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED WITH ACCURATE INFORMATION. THE COUNCIL CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE IF MISINFORMED.**

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## **GUIDANCE ON POSITIONING YOUR ANTENNA.**

When installing a dish or other antenna, you must position it in such a way so that its effect on the outside appearance of the building is reduced as far as possible. You must also remove it when you no longer need it.

### **What you need to consider**

Although it is important to make sure your antenna provides reasonable reception, it is also important to consider how your antenna looks. For example, an antenna hidden behind a parapet or a chimney stack may be less noticeable than one mounted on the wall.

The materials, design or colour of the antenna can also affect how suitable a particular antenna is. For example, a mesh or transparent dish may be less obvious than a solid one, and a white dish may blend in with a white background but may be more obvious against a darker background, such as brick or stone.

### **Where to position your antenna**

When deciding on where to position the antenna, you should take account of its effect on neighbours, the public and the environment. Try to place the antenna where it will:

- not be seen by neighbours or the general public;
- not be seen from the front of the house; and
- blend in with the background.

This following diagram and list illustrates suitable and unsuitable positions for an antenna on a dwelling or within its curtilage, however, please note that it is for guidance only as each property will be different.



#### **Position**

Front of the house – garden  
Front of the house – ground floor  
Front of the house – first floor  
Side of the house – front  
Side of the house – back  
Roof-mounted – behind the parapet  
Roof-mounted – over ridge tiles  
  
Eaves-mounted pole  
Chimney-mounted pole  
Chimney-mounted  
Flat roof – front  
Flat roof – back  
Side of the garage  
Rear extension – side of the house  
Rear extension – roof  
Back garden – behind trees  
Back garden – floor-mounted  
Back garden – pole-mounted

#### **Guidance**

**Not suitable** – security concerns  
**Not suitable** – highly visible from the street  
**Suitable** – less visible from the street  
**Not suitable** – visible from the street  
**Recommended** – not visible from the street  
**Recommended** – not visible from the street  
**Suitable** – less visible from street. Must be installed only if the premises has a chimney stack  
**Recommended** – not visible from the street  
**Not suitable** – higher than the chimney  
**Suitable** – not higher than the chimney  
**Not suitable** – visible from the street  
**Recommended** – not visible from the street  
**Recommended** – not visible from the street  
**Recommended** – not visible from the street  
**Recommended** – not visible from the street  
**Recommended** – not visible from the street  
**Recommended** – not visible from the street, but check the signal  
**Not suitable** – trees may block the signal  
**Recommended** – not visible from the street, but check the signal  
**Not suitable** – visible to neighbours