

Base Station near Harts Barn Crafts Centre, Longhope Grid Ref. 676 186

Orange site No. HER 0093; 20m galv. steel tapering lattice mast, 4 sector ant; pale grey cabins; 2m netting on galv. steel posts. No planting.

Comments: *Sited in mature woodland, top 3m protrudes out of the tree canopy and despoils important views of the north side of a wooded valley.*

Urgent Amelioration needed: *Minimum paint mast, cabins matt BS 12B25; ideally demolish mast and replace with wooden poles which are **within** the tree canopy but which take advantage of the steep slope of the side of the valley.*



Looking NW

Looking north

The Crieff Solution – 3

This *is* part of a solution for rural and semi-rural areas.



Cables routed under public footpath to equipment cabin 12-15m. away

Owners of land where mobile operators wish to site base stations should ask for the design solution best suited to their location – in many rural areas the living tree base station would be most appropriate.

Base Station at Hollybush Farm, Longhope Grid Ref. 704 192

Multi-operator site; Orange site No. HER 0193; Vodafone site No. 8828; T-Mobile site No. 92241; 30m parallel-sided galv. steel lattice; 8 sector ant; 2 dish ant;

Comments: Tall intrusive mast on high ground emerging from trees, visible from miles around.

Urgent Amelioration Needed: Demolish and start again using tree mounted and wood pole mounted ant.



Looking south



Looking northeast

Base Station at Farmplan, Rank Xerox site, Mitcheldean Grid Ref. 667 188

One2One site No. -, 8m rooftop galv. steel monopole; 3 sector ant; 1 dish;

Comments: In the centre of Mitcheldean, soon lost into the urban fabric. Very close to homes and workplaces.

Amelioration: Re-site away from houses



Looking northeast



Looking south

A clear horizon – looking southwest from Littledean



Microwave Link and Base Stations at Edge Hills, Cinderford Grid Ref. 662 159

Large radio and multi-operator site; 46m parallel sided galv steel lattice tower carrying many large dish ant. Large compound with buildings and equipment cabins; 4m fencing; set within mature woodland.

35m tapering galv. steel lattice tower; 6 sector ant. 3 dish ant. and other arrays

30m. parallel sided galv. steel lattice tower; 3 dish ant, other arrays

Comments: The very worst type of site. Large, ugly, highly intrusive masts emerging from high woodland horizon and dominating good country views for miles around.

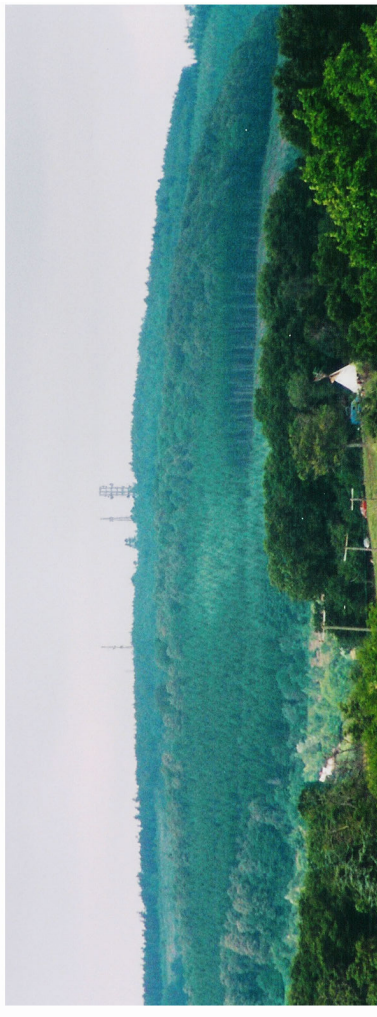
URGENT WORK NEEDED: Demolish and replace using wood poles sited within the tree canopy and off the summit. Large dishes can be given line of sight by making a clearing within woodland rather than placing them higher than the tree canopy.



Looking southeast from the B4227



Looking northeast



Looking west from the A48

Base Station at College Road, Cinderford Grid Ref. 655 140

Vodafone site No. - ; 15m tapering galv. steel mast; 2 co-linear ant; black equipment cabin.

Comments: *Relatively minimal installation soon lost in urban fabric. Some would find it too close to housing.*

Improvements: *Reduce height of pole and paint it and cabin a buff stone colour.*



Base Stations at Cinderford Football Club Grid Ref. 659 143

Crown Castle International site No.-; 15m tapering four section galv. steel pole; 2 sector ant; 1 dish ant; 2m green netting on galv. steel posts; grey/green equipment cabin.

Orange site No.-; 15m tapering galv. steel lattice mast; 6 sector ant; 2 dish ant; 2m green netting on concrete posts; grey equipment cabins. No planting around either.

Comments: *Both stations are very close, less than 50m, to local housing and this is good enough reason to remove them to another location. Curious visual link between masts and football ground floodlighting on tapering steel posts of similar height.*



Looking west

Base Stations at Holly Hill Sawmills, Cinderford Grid Ref. 649 150

Orange site No.-; 15m tapering galv. steel lattice mast; 6 sector ant; 2 dish ant; 2m palisade fencing; grey equipment cabins.
No planting.

Vodafone temporary mast on trailer site No.-; 15m extending galv. steel lattice mast; 3 sector ant.

Comments: *Sited in an industrial estate these are soon lost in the urban fabric. Too close to work places, less than 20m.*



Base Station at Joys Green, Lydbrook Grid Ref. 600 164

ntl site No. 11054, originally a broadcast only site – now a multi-operator site with Vodafone, Orange and Tetra ant; 25m galv. steel tapering lattice tower, 3 sector ant; 2 co-linear ant; 3 tetra ant. broadcast ant; 3 large equipment cabins – 2 grey and one olive green; 3m. black netting fencing on rusty steel posts; existing 3m. shrubbery on two sides.

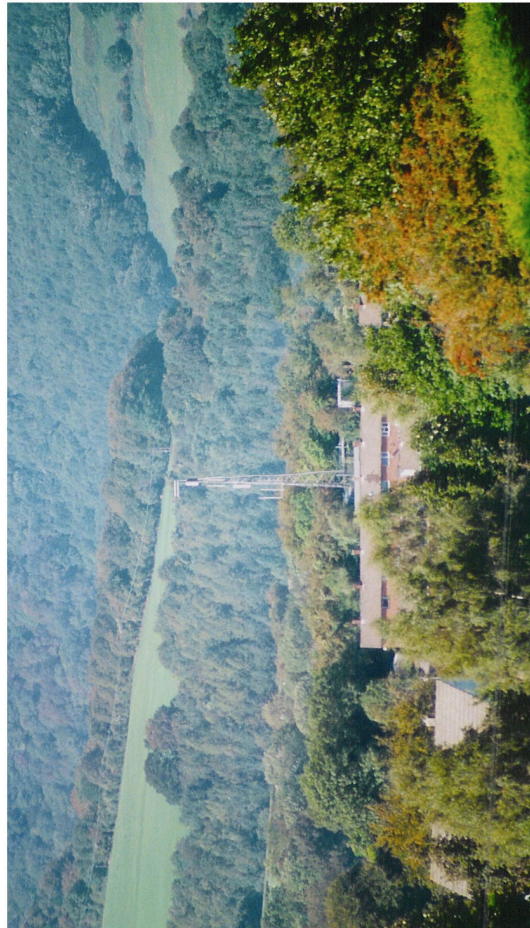
Comments: *The very worst type of site. Highly intrusive dominating mish-mash of ill-mounted antennae on tall mast sited on the summit of high woodland; intrudes into important views and vistas for miles around including views from the Wye Valley AONB, also close to, and dominating, local housing. Local campaign group has received insulting and dismissive behaviour both from operators and local council. Such a mast would not be allowed now and has come about through the long control of the site by Crown Castle, initially for broadcast purposes, with subsequent ad hoc additions of mobile phone and tetra antennae. Sites such as these (and they are numerous now) are supremely damaging to the historic landscape heritage of the British Isles.*

URGENT WORK NEEDED: *Demolish immediately, ideally attach ant. to living trees or replace with 2 or 3 carefully sited wooden pole masts which are off the summit and do not rise above the tree canopy.*



Looking NNW

Base Station at Joys Green, Lydbrook Grid Ref. 600 164



Looking WNW from The Pludds - dominates surrounding landscapes



Dominates housing estate



View from sitting room of local resident



Base Station at Harrow Hill Football Club Grid Ref. 648 171

Orange site No.HER 7037; 12m. painted steel monopole; omni ant; small green cabin; no compound; no planting

Comments: Probably the most visually benign siting of Orange equipment I've ever seen, it is screened from most surrounding viewpoints. However, given Orange's previous record, this is almost certainly accidental! Installations of this sort and the T-mobile installation illustrated on page 20 could form the basis of a 'street lighting' system as envisioned on page 6.

Amelioration desirable: Paint mast up to height of clubhouse matching brick colour and then above pale grey/green.



Base Station at Telephone Exchange, Newent Grid Ref. 716 259

Crown Castle site No.; Hutchinson 3G site No GL0077; 10m brown painted steel monopole; cross-polar ant; 10m wood pole with 1 dish

Comments: *Minimal installations in amongst housing soon lost into urban fabric. Some may consider they are too close to housing - less than 50m.*



Base Stations at Broadford Meadow, Picklenash, Newent Grid Ref. 711 254

Crown Castle Int. site No-; 21m square base tapering galv. steel lattice tower, 3 sector ant.; 3 tetra ant.; green and grey cabins; 2m green netting on galv. steel posts; sited against existing 8m hedge, planting to 2 sides with hawthorn, birch and hazel.

Orange site No-; 15m three section tapering galv. steel pole; 6 sector ant; 1 dish ant; pale grey equipment cabins; 2m green netting on concrete posts and wood post and wire fence; sited against existing 8m hedge, no planting.

Comments: *Ugly, intrusive installations adjacent to public recreation area (Broadmeadow Arboretum) and in open countryside. Sited against 8m hedging which provides some screening.*

Urgent Amelioration Needed: *Paint all structures olive green, continue shrub planting around rest of site.*

Ideal: *Demolish masts and replace with wood poles.*



Looking north



Looking SW

Base Stations at Broadford Meadow, Picklenash, Newent Grid Ref. 711 254



Looking northeast - existing hedging helps to screen



Planting (about 5 years old) already helps to screen

Base Station at Four Oaks Grid Ref. 695 285

Crown Castle International site No. 1492004; Vodafone site No. 8827; Hutchinson 3G site No. GL0076; multi-operator site with 28m parallel sided galv. steel lattice mast; 13 sector ant; 5 dish ant; 3 large equipment cabins, 2 pale grey, one olive green; 3m grey netting on galv. steel posts, limited planting.

Comments: Tall, ugly lattice mast with large conglomeration of ant., protrudes above tree canopy, intrudes into rolling Gloucestershire countryside and dominates local scene.

Urgent Amelioration Needed: Demolish mast and replace with 2 – 4 wood pole masts which do not pierce tree canopy,



Looking west

Base Station at Four Oaks Grid Ref. 695 285



Looking southwest



Looking west



A clear horizon – looking northeast from Bromsberrow Heath



Base Stations at Pfera Hall, Redmarley D'Abitot Grid Ref. 751 320

Large multi-operator site with O2, Orange, Vodafone, broadcast, police and possibly military use. 3 galv. steel lattice masts 17.5m, 23m, 46m; large compound 1/3 acre with 2m netting fence on concrete posts; some existing hedging.

Orange site No.-; 17.5m tapering steel lattice mast; 3 sector ant; 1 dish ant; pale grey cabins

O2 site No. -; 23m parallel sided steel lattice mast; 6 sector ant; 1 large dish ant; 1 small dish ant; 2 omni-directional ant;

46m tapering then parallel sided steel lattice mast with Vodafone – 6 sector ant; 5 broadcast; 3 Tetra and other ant.

Comment: *The very worst type of site. Large highly intrusive multi-mast site dominates surrounding rolling countryside, visible for miles around causing damage to, and urbanising numerous views and vistas.*

Urgent Amelioration Needed: *Demolish the entire site and start again using wooden poles, local trees etc.*



Looking southeast

The Crieff Solution – 4

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There is some evidence that suggests birds tend to roost and nest away from antennae.



Antennae are attached by heavy rubber bands which do not damage the tree. There is some evidence that the radio emissions slow tree growth.

Base Station beside the M50, Dymock Grid. Ref. 708 297

O2 site No. 9575; 15m, 3 section multi-facet tapering galv. steel monopole; 3 sector ant. pale grey cabins, 1.5m wood post and wire fence; no planting.

Comments: *Intrusive, shiny mast, very visible in the vicinity.*

Urgent Amelioration needed: *A perfect candidate for use of a wood or wood clad pole stained green/brown (see p.38-9) Plant appropriate shrubbery around compound.*



Interesting comparison between the low-tec wood electricity pole and the high-tec shiny steel phone mast. The wood pole has taken on two slight curves as a result of weathering over the years, a hint that the steel pole is unlikely ever to make! Even though one would prefer even the former not to intrude on the rural scene, it is unquestionably a more benign presence than the steel mast. The wood 'belongs' in the countryside in a way the galvanised steel never can.

Base Station near Dyke House, Bromsberrow Heath Grid Ref. 739 335

Orange site No.-; 15m tapering galv. steel lattice mast; 6 sector ant; 2 dish ant; pale grey equipment cabins; 2m grey netting on galv. steel posts; no planting, existing hedging to 2 sides.

Comments: *The usual intrusive standard lattice mast from Orange with its customary lack of respect for landscape, damages good quality open countryside of west Gloucestershire. Visible from local roads and footpaths.*

Urgent Amelioration needed: *Demolish mast and re-site antennae on wooden pole(s) and/or trees. Minimum paint mast, cabins, netting, posts olive green and plant appropriate shrubs on the other two sides.*



Looking westnorthwest



Looking eastnortheast

Base Station at The Hill, Staunton Grid Ref. 781 299

Orange site No. HER0196; 25m green painted steel lattice mast; 3 sector ant; 1 dish; green painted cabins; 2m green fencing on steel posts

Comments: Mast sited within a copse leaving only the antennae visible from a distance. They are pale grey which ensures they are visible from a distance.

Urgent Amelioration needed: *Minimum - paint antennae 12B23. Ideally, attach ant. to trees, or use wood clad pole bringing ant. within the tree canopy.*



Looking northeast



Looking southwest



Looking west

Base stations at Hartpury College Grid Ref. 789 230

Orange site No.GLO0124; 27m galv.steel lattice mast; 3 sector ant; 2 dishes

T-mobile site No.68615; 22.5m brown painted steel pole; 3 sector ant; 1 dish

Comments: *Both masts sited within a copse, unfortunately the Orange mast is well above the tree canopy and is highly visible from surrounding countryside. The T-mobile mast is just within the tree canopy and is concealed from viewpoints west through north to east. A dull olive green paint would be better than the brown paint.*

Amelioration needed: *Demolish the Orange mast, this is a good site for tree mounted ant. and/or wood pole mounted antennae set against or into the tree canopy. Paint the T-mobile mast, antennae and equipment cabins olive green, plant shrubs around both compounds.*



Looking west, Orange mast to the left.

Base Station at Wigpool Waterworks, Mitcheldean Grid Ref. 655 186

Medlock site No- ; 30m galv. steel tapering then parallel lattice mast; 3 co-linear ant. pale grey equipment cabins, 2.5m grey netting on concrete posts. Existing forestry on two sides. Compound within waterworks compound.

Comments: *Tall highly intrusive mast breaking through canopy of pure forestry, dominates local paths, visible from surrounding view points.*

Urgent Amelioration needed: *Ideally demolish mast and use tree-mounted ant. Minimum -paint mast, cabins etc BS 12B25.*



Looking northeast



Looking north