

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Application Ref No. 4/1578/93

Mercury Personal Communications
Elstree Tower
Elstree Way
Borehamwood
Herts

Albany Partnership
Dolphin House
Albany Park
Camberley
Surrey

DEVELOPMENT ADDRESS AND DESCRIPTION

Mercury Communications, Redbourn Road, Hemel Hempstead

EQUIPMENT CABIN AND ALTERATIONS TO ACCESS

Your application for *full planning permission* dated 22.11.1993 and received on 25.11.1993 has been **REFUSED**, for the reasons set out on the attached sheet(s).

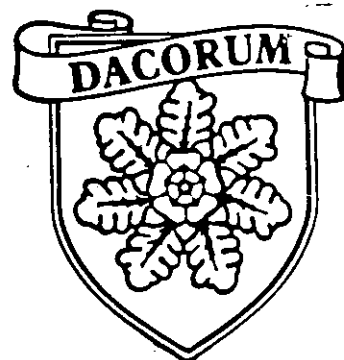
Director of Planning

Date of Decision: 19.01.1994

(ENC Reasons and Notes)

REASONS FOR REFUSAL
OF APPLICATION: 4/1578/93

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1. In the granting of planning permission 4/0186/84 for the existing radio tower and associated aerials and equipment handling on land adjoining the Cupid Green Yards, there was careful consideration given to the role of soft landscaping. In particular this related to the retention of existing vegetation adjoining Redbourn Road and the access road to the scrap/carbreakers yards. This vegetation contrives to make a valuable contribution to the appearance of this locality, reinforcing that of the adjoining "MFI" site. The local planning authority's approach to the locality has been to give a high priority to the role of soft landscaping in this otherwise urbanised environment. Due to the important position of the existing vegetation at the site and how it relates to adjoining land within this existing industrial/commercial street scene, the local planning authority considers that the vegetation should be retained in the long term. Despite the notes specified on Drawing No. 92.179.01 the local planning authority does not consider that it will be feasible to retain the "existing trees" in order to facilitate the construction of the concrete access apron. The loss of this vegetation will be to the permanent detriment of the appearance of the locality, creating a harsher environment, further exposing the existing development to the Redbourn Road and increasing hard surfacing at the expense of existing planting.
2. The use of the proposed access will be likely to prejudice highway safety.