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- 16.1. Should the last paragraph of policy 38 also refer to ‘appearance’ (as well as siting and design)?**
- 16.1.1 Schedule 2, part 16 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) refers to permitted development, as it relates to electronic communications development and prior approval.
- 16.1.2 It is noted that the prior approval procedure means that the principle of development is not an issue, and that the Local Planning Authority can only consider the siting and appearance of the proposal. The last paragraph of Policy 38 of the Submission Adur Local Plan 2016 (CD) states that proposals *‘should ensure that siting and design of the equipment results in acceptable visual impact’*.
- 16.1.3 The Council considers that the reference to design encompasses the issue of ‘appearance’; similarly it considers that assessment of ‘acceptable visual impact’ would incorporate consideration of appearance. However, if it is the view of the Inspector that the policy is unsound as written, the Council is willing to make a further modification to the Plan to include the word ‘appearance’.