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Exposure guidelines	COMREG (ICNIRP Guidelines)
Planning Authority	Local Authorities
Requirements for planning permission	<p>All deployment is governed under the National Planning Acts. Support structures need planning permissions. Albeit, urban development on buildings is generally planning exempt.</p> <p>A directive was issued from Central Government in the form of a Circular Letter to Planning Authorities in October 2012 which reinforced previous guidance and was designed to reduce the compliance burden and costs associated with rollout of broadband infrastructure, including mobile broadband. The directive required planning authorities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit allowed structures on a permanent basis rather than time limited “Temporary Permission” which was previously recommended • Avoid the inclusion of minimum Separation Distances between telecoms structures and other developments or buildings e.g. Public Parks, schools, housing etc. in Development Plans or Planning Guidance • Remove the requirement for tower developers to lodge a bond to pay for removal of redundant structures in the future • Develop a register or permitted Telecommunications structures in their area of responsibility • Not include radiation or other monitoring requirements in planning consent • Waive development contributions, which are fees payable to local authorities on receipt of planning, for all broadband infrastructure.
Timescales for Permission	Three - six months, typically.
Appeals process	If refused by Local Authority, a request can be sent to a Planning appeals board for consideration. This leads to a further three to nine months delay.

Public Consultation	Planning notices must be posted on site, notices must be published in newspapers and plans available for inspection at Local Authority Offices. The public have a five week window from date of council receipt of the application within which to make observations or submissions to the proposed development. Voluntary meetings with local communities may take place.
Exemptions & Existing site upgrade	Exemptions may apply to adding antennas and dishes to existing support structures and similarly to commercial buildings where the antennas don't rise more than 2 m above the roof.

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