

GUIDELINES ON THE INSTALLATION OF SATELLITE DISHES WITHIN THE FIELDEND CONSERVATION AREA

The Fieldend Scheme of Management, which applies to all Fieldend residents, stipulates that no alterations to the external appearance of your house or the boundary wall or fences may be made without the written consent of the FRAL Board. The FRAL Board considers the installation of a satellite dish to be an alteration which requires prior written consent.

Maintaining the visual integrity of Fieldend is a responsibility of all residents. The Board would, therefore, encourage residents to consider alternative TV-reception options if these would have less impact on the visual appearance of Fieldend and improve the appearance of Fieldend rooflines. More information about the different TV-reception options is available online: www.digitaluk.co.uk

Applications for the installation of a satellite dish must be made in writing to the Chair of the FRAL Board and include the following information:

- A location plan identifying the house where the dish will be installed;
- A site plan showing the proposed location of the dish;
- Photograph of the proposed location;
- Description of how the dish will be mounted/installed, including the location of all cabling; and
- Manufacturer's specifications of the equipment to be installed.

The FRAL Board will consider all applications objectively against the overriding objective which is to maintain the visual integrity of Fieldend. In deciding whether the application should be granted, the Board will consider the following factors:

- *The size of the dish:* government guidelines stipulate that a satellite dish installed in a conservation area should be no larger than 100cm in any linear direction, the cubic capacity of no more than 35 litres and that any dish extend no more than 60 cm above the highest part of the roof. It is unlikely that such a dish would have minimal visual impact in Fieldend and so FRAL strongly encourage residents to opt for the smallest dish possible (a minidish). Plain grey with no lettering is also preferred.
- *The presence of other antennas:* all redundant or obsolete antennas should be removed prior to the installation of a satellite dish.
- *The location of cabling:* cabling should ideally be only on the rear-facing façade of the property (i.e. facades facing away from the public squares).
- *The visual impact of the installation including any mounting equipment and cabling:* FRAL will ask you to put the dish in a position where it has the least visual impact on other residents; the dish should not be visible from the public areas of Fieldend. The Board may require a site visit to determine visual impact.
- *Trees:* FRAL will not accept requests to prune/fell trees because they are blocking satellite reception.
- *The opinions of Fieldend residents:* the Board will ensure that residents are notified of and given sufficient time to consider and comment on all applications.

Please be aware that the installation of satellite dishes on the roof or façade of a Fieldend house will also require planning permission from Richmond Council. The approval of the Board cannot guarantee success in the planning process but the Board will not object to any planning application for which consent has been provided. We, therefore, recommend that FRAL Board approval is sought prior to the submission of any planning application to avoid incurring unnecessary costs.

More information about the Scheme of Management, Conservation Area status and planning process, including example copies of application documents, is available on the Fieldend website: www.fieldend.co.uk/home/planning