QD22 Satellite dish aerials

When planning permission for satellite dishes is required, applications will be granted where:

a. they have due regard to the character, appearance and design of the building and the surrounding area;
b. they can be achieved without detriment to the amenities of nearby residents;
c. the size of any dish is kept to a minimum;
d. due regard has been given, where appropriate, to the installation of a communal aerial;
e. the dish is an appropriate colour; and
f. the dish / apparatus is sited in an inconspicuous location, for example, concealed in a roof valley.

In the case of listed buildings the planning authority will only accept installations that do not adversely affect the architectural or historic character of the building and will require, where possible, that locations within the building such as in the roof space be used.

In all cases in view of the short-lived nature of the equipment and of the likelihood of technological change and to ensure that it does not detract from the character and appearance of an area in the long term, the local authority will grant permission for a maximum period of ten years.

3.100 Many alterations to buildings, including the installation of satellite dishes, can adversely affect their appearance. In turn this can have a harmful affect on the character and appearance of Brighton & Hove. The planning authority will seek to ensure that, where technically possible, satellite dishes are not visible from a highway or public open space.

3.101 Permissions granted for satellite dishes will be for a maximum period of ten years. Rapid changes in technology and the growth in cable television are continuing and the use of satellite dishes may be obsolete within 10 years. Policy QD22 will therefore enable the planning authority to ensure the removal of satellite dishes if they are rendered obsolete or if there are alternatives which are less harmful to the appearance of a property.

3.102 A general permission currently exists under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, as amended by the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1998 for satellite dishes in certain circumstances. However in other cases planning permission is required. Further advice on whether planning permission is required can be found in the current government booklet: ‘A Householder’s Planning Guide for the Installation of Satellite Television Dishes’.