

# Saint John Wall Catholic School

## A Catholic School For All



### Mission Statement

'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'



Issue 13

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 8 December 2023

**Catholic Life - This year we are focusing on 'Year of Live Simply'.  
Termly Theme: The Common Good - Live in Solidarity  
Termly SJW Values – Compassionate and Loving**

**This week in Afternoon Prayer...** "We learned about St. Nicholas and the Polish holiday of Mikolajki. This is when St. Nicholas visits children and brings them gifts or sweets. It's good to find out about other people's traditions as it helps us to live in **solidarity** with one another. We also prayed the Lord's prayer and heard about the Year of Prayer that started this week."

**By Aaphryl Pereira 9TOW and Maria Tibuleac 9MAN**

**This week in our Weekly Worship...** "We learned about reconciliation. The Gospel story told us to stay alert, because you don't know when God will come back to judge us. We were asked to think about ourselves through God's eyes, and then we prayed together to ask God for forgiveness. Forgiving others helps us to live in **solidarity** with one another and to be **peaceful**."

**By Veer Kaura 9GRE**

"Mass was very inspiring. We learnt about the importance of stain glass windows and the hymns that are used during Mass".

**By Hero Dania 8ESM**

### Dates to Note

- **Christmas Show – Cinderella (please purchase tickets)**  
**Monday 18 December 2023 & Tuesday 19 December 2023**  
**5pm to 7pm**
- **Christmas/ Jolly Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner**  
**Tuesday 19 December 2023**
- **INSET DAY – School Closed to all Pupils**  
**Friday 22 December 2023**
- **Christmas Holidays**  
**Monday 25 December 2023 to Friday 5 January 2024**
- **INSET Day – School closed to all Pupils**  
**Monday 8 January 2024**

### Titan All-Star

We are delighted to announce that Ajai Harrison-Durell from Saint John Wall Catholic School is November's Titan All-Star!

Ajai was nominated for being a friend to all, happy to help out and look after those who may be struggling, and for all he has achieved so far this year.

Ajai will receive a £10 Amazon voucher and a certificate of achievement. Well done Ajai!



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## Proposed Vodafone telecommunications installation

Dear Parents and Carers, I have attached at the back of this newsletter some planning consultation information from Cornerstone about a proposed telecommunications mast. Contact details are at the end of the letter if you have any queries.

By Miss Marston

## The MAD Museum

Ms Forbes was delighted to receive the following message from MAD Museum staff, after Year 7 visited during November as part of the values @ day trip.

*I just wanted to drop a quick note to say a big thanks for bringing your pupils to The MAD Museum last month.*

*Your pupils were very well-behaved and eager to learn and it was good to see all the teachers getting involved with the worksheets too! Their enthusiasm adds so much to the whole experience.*

*We look forward to hosting your school again in the future and continuing to make art and design exciting for these young minds.*

*Thanks again for choosing The MAD Museum!*

## Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Pupils have had a busy morning assisting with coffee and tea which is very useful for conversational skills. Pupils also supported some guests with their bingo cards. One lady had forgotten her hearing aids so was very grateful of the help. Pupils also took part in a Christmas poetry reading and should be very proud of how well they read with such a short time to prepare. Next week is a visit from the Music Man along with Christmas cake and mince pies.

By Mrs Clayton





S.J.W.M.D.



## **Sparx Parent Workshop**

Sparx Parent Workshop will take place on Wednesday 13 December at 4.30pm – 5.00pm via Microsoft Teams and will offer you and your parents/guardians the opportunity to:

- Understand the academic benefits of completing Sparx homework on a weekly basis.
- To understand how to use the Sparx website including bookwork checks, Seek help, Video help, Target and Xp Boost.
- To understand how to use personal test feedback to aid pupil revision.
- To address any technical issues pupils may have with Sparx.
- To ask any questions you may have about Sparx or the new Homework Policy.

Parents/guardians can join the workshop by joining the meeting link sent to their child's email address.

If parents would like to attend the workshop in person and have a one-to-one appointment to address any issues or ask questions, please see Mr Greedy to book an appointment. Please be aware there are limited spaces.





# CHRISTMAS LUNCH



**£3.00,  
or Free  
School  
Meal**

## TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER

### **Roast Turkey Dinner**

Seasoning, Sprouts, Carrots and Roast Potatoes

### **Vegetable Wellington**

Seasoning, Sprouts, Carrots and Roast Potatoes

**Chocolate Cake or Caribbean  
Fruit Cake and Custard**

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**Turkey Cranberry Baguette**

**£2.50**



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## Parent and carer webinars: on-demand

### Schools and Colleges Early Support Service

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#### Low mood in adolescence

This webinar will offer some insight into spotting the signs and symptoms of low mood, understand why young people are vulnerable to experiencing this and offer evidence-based strategies to support a young person.



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#### How to support your young person when they get their exam results

This webinar will explore ways in which you can support your young person with feelings of anxiety around results day. We will offer top tips from our Young Champions and healthy strategies that you can use to support both yours and your young person's mental wellbeing.

#### Transition to secondary school: supporting your year 7 child with the ending and new beginning

This webinar will explore ways that you can support your child during this period of change. Top tips will be shared to help you to consider challenges and opportunities that may arise during transition, spotting when your child may be struggling, strategies to help you to support your child and exploring your own wellbeing. Resources will be shared on how you/they might seek further support if needed.



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#### How to support your young person with anxiety

This webinar explores when anxiety is normal vs. problematic, common anxieties during adolescence (exam stress, social anxiety and worries about identity and development), the relationship between parent-child anxiety, and how and when to access support for you and your child. We will also discuss a couple of 'real world' examples of common adolescent anxieties and different strategies that may be helpful in those situations.



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## Webinars to support your mental health

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#### How to manage my low mood

We all experience low mood in different ways. It can not only impact upon how you feel but it can also affect how you live your life day to day. It can stop you from enjoying the things you normally would. This webinar will help you to understand what low mood is, help you to spot the signs of low mood and support you to look after yourself by using self-care strategies.



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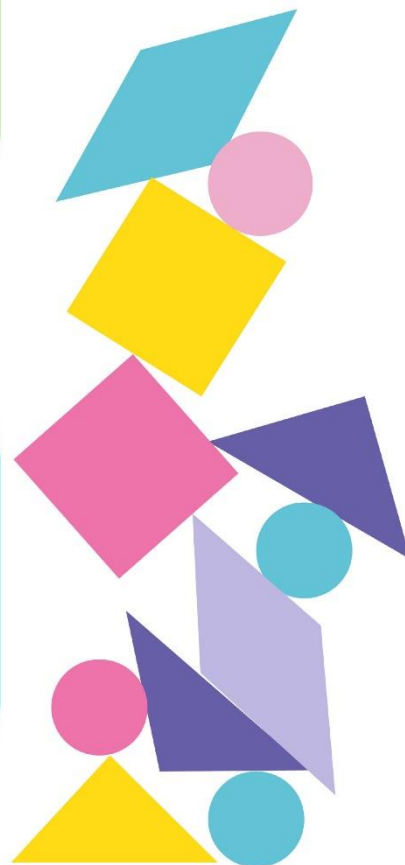


#### How to manage my anxiety

Anxiety is a normal part of life and can affect anyone. A bit of anxiety from time to time is normal, however, if anxious feelings don't go away, they can interfere with our ability to concentrate, socialise with friends and generally enjoy life. This webinar will help you to recognise the signs of anxiety and understand how anxiety impacts on our thoughts, feelings and behaviours. The webinar will also support you to reduce and manage anxious feelings by using self-care strategies.



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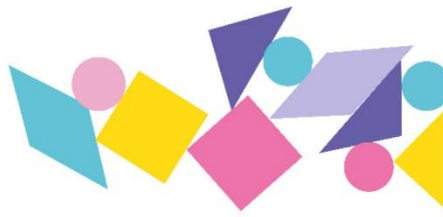
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# Schools and Colleges Early Support Service Webinars for Young People

*Information for parents and carers*



Dear parents and carers,

We would like to share with you a webinar series specially tailored for young people.

The topics have been chosen to reflect common difficulties young people may experience. These webinars provide useful advice for young people to support them in looking after their own mental health.

Young people can register to view these webinars using the links below. Once registered, these webinars can be viewed more than once and at any time, for up to 30 days.

The webinars cover the following topics:

## How to manage low mood

We all experience low mood in different ways. It can not only impact upon how we feel but it can also affect how we live our lives day to day, including our relationships, eating and sleeping patterns, concentration and school/college work. It can lead to feelings of hopelessness and stop us from enjoying the things we normally would. This webinar will help your young people to understand what low mood is, help them to spot the signs of low mood and support them to look after themselves by using self-care strategies.

Click [here](#) to register to watch.

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## How to manage anxiety

Anxiety is a normal part of life and can affect anyone. A bit of anxiety from time to time is normal, it can help with motivation at school/college, sport or work. However, if anxious feelings don't go away, they can interfere with our ability to concentrate, socialise with friends and generally enjoy life. This webinar will help your young people to recognise the signs of anxiety and understand how anxiety impacts on their thoughts, feelings and behaviours. The webinar will also support them to reduce and manage anxious feelings by using self-care strategies.

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## How to manage peer pressure

Peer pressure means feeling like you have to do something because people around you want you to or expect you to. We know this is common in adolescence. The Schools and Colleges Early Support Service's Young Person's Panel has co-produced a webinar to support other young people around peer pressure. Delivered by the SCESS team, this exciting new webinar supports young people to understand peer pressure and recognise situations where they might experience this. Ways in which peer pressure affects young people are explored along with helpful strategies to manage this.

Click [here](#) to register to watch.

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## How to manage exam stress

Stress levels can be higher than usual around exam time. A bit of stress can help us to stay motivated but too much can be unhelpful. This webinar will help your young people to find the best ways to manage their stress levels and stay calm before, during and after their exams.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

**PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT Oxhill Road / Sandwell Road junction, Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 8EY (NGR: E: 403725 N: 290729)**

Cornerstone is the UK's leading mobile infrastructure services company. We acquire, manage and own over 20,000 sites and are committed to enabling best in class mobile connectivity for over half of all the country's mobile customers. We oversee works on behalf of telecommunications providers and wherever possible aim to:

- promote shared infrastructure
- maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development

Cornerstone are in the process of progressing suitable sites in the Handsworth area for radio base stations that will improve service provision for Vodafone. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information on the proposal and the opportunity for you to seek further information should you wish to do so.

As part of Vodafone continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a radio base station at this location to *provide new 5G coverage in the area*.

The proposal, which we feel is the best solution to serve our customers in the local community, will include the installation of a 20m monopole, 3nos equipment cabinets and a meter cabinet located on the grass verge of Oxhill Road, adjacent to the junction with Sandhill Road.

All Cornerstone installations are designed to be fully compliant with the public exposure guidelines established by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). These guidelines have the support of UK Government, the European Union and they also have the formal backing of the World Health Organisation. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance will be included within the planning submission. In fact, because of the very low power utilised by telecommunications sites the emissions will be many times lower than the ICNIRP threshold.

**In the first instance, all correspondence should be directed to the agent.**

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We would welcome your views (within 14 days of the date of this letter) before we finalise the proposal and submit the planning application to the Local Planning Authority.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me (quoting cell number VF23625)

Yours sincerely

Alan Osborne MRTPI  
Consultant Town Planner

Email [osborneplanningservices@outlook.com](mailto:osborneplanningservices@outlook.com)

(for and on behalf of Cornerstone)

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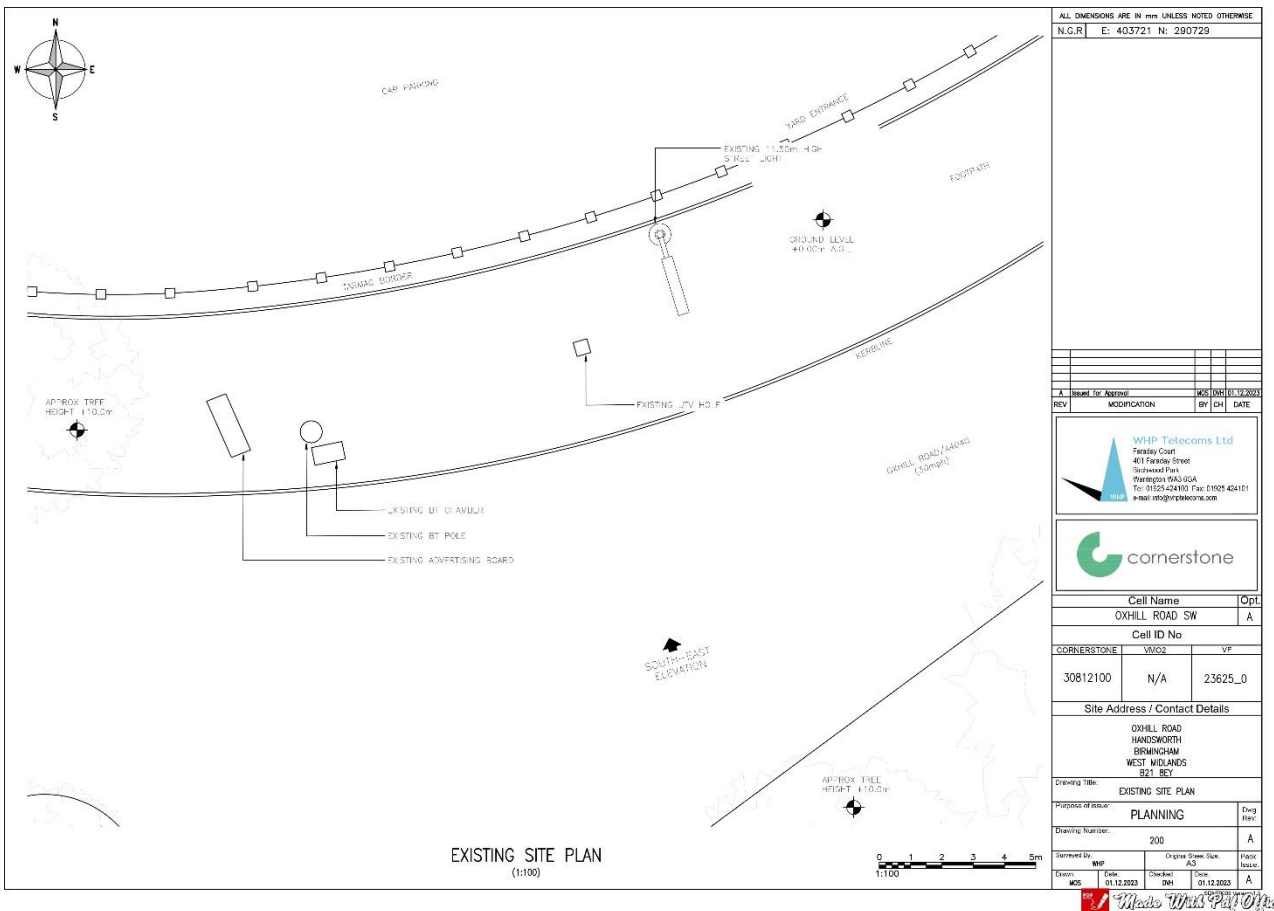
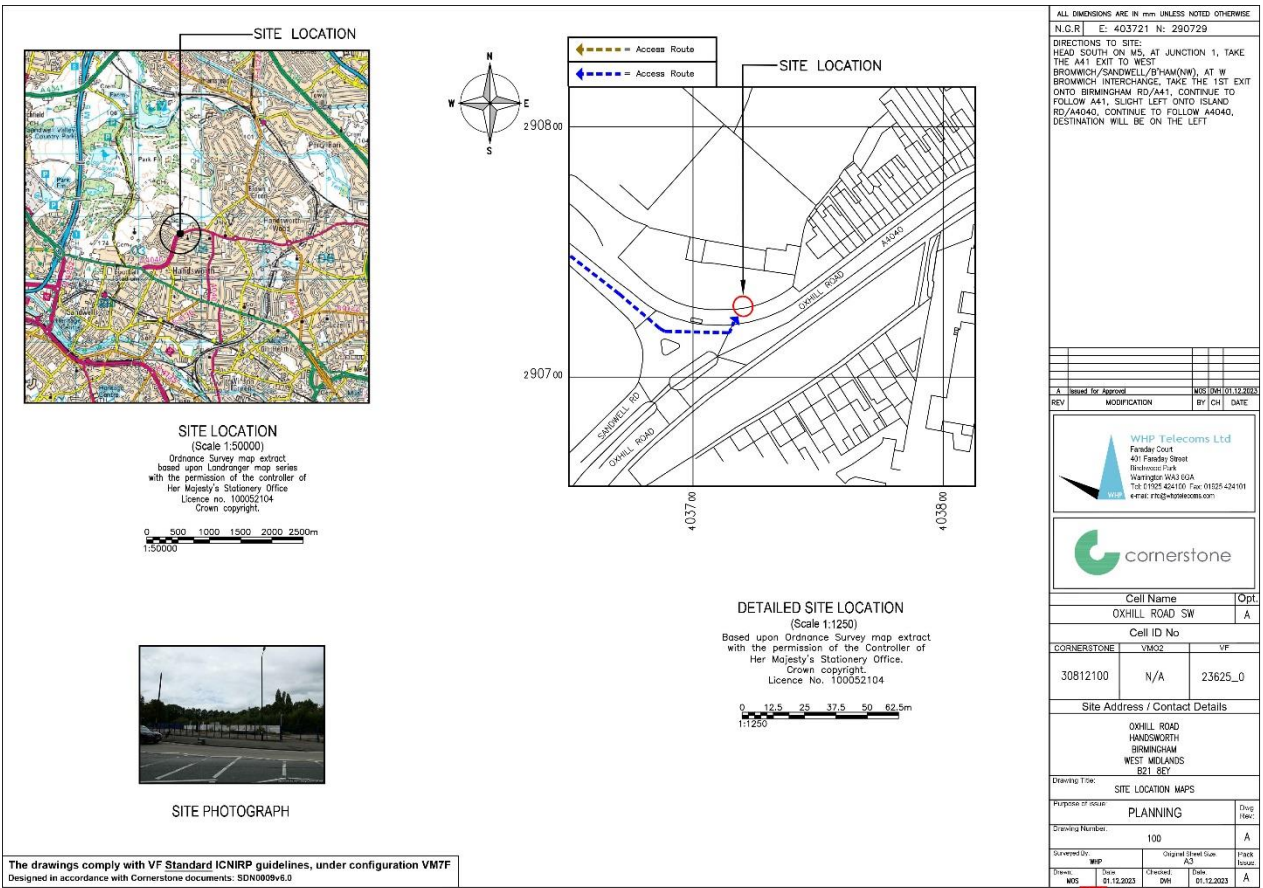
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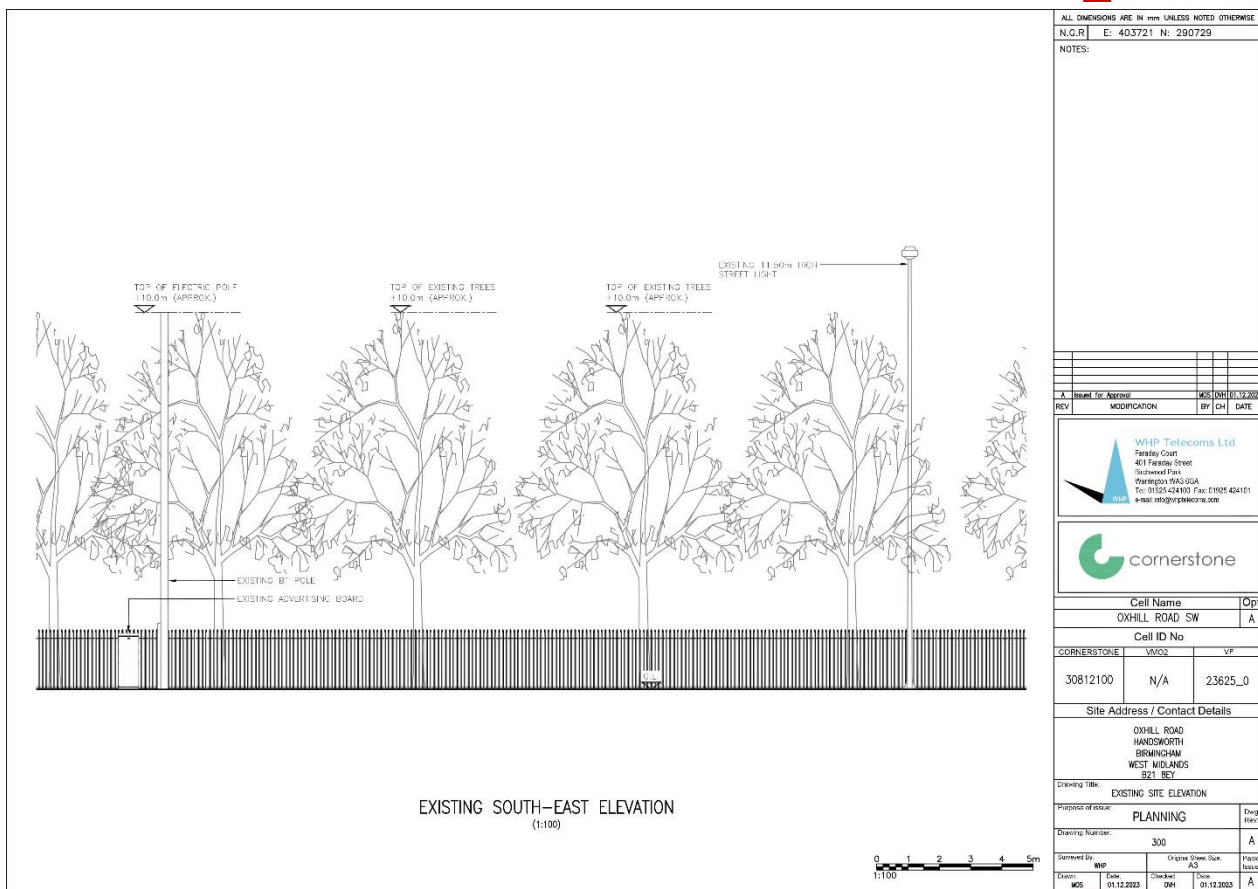
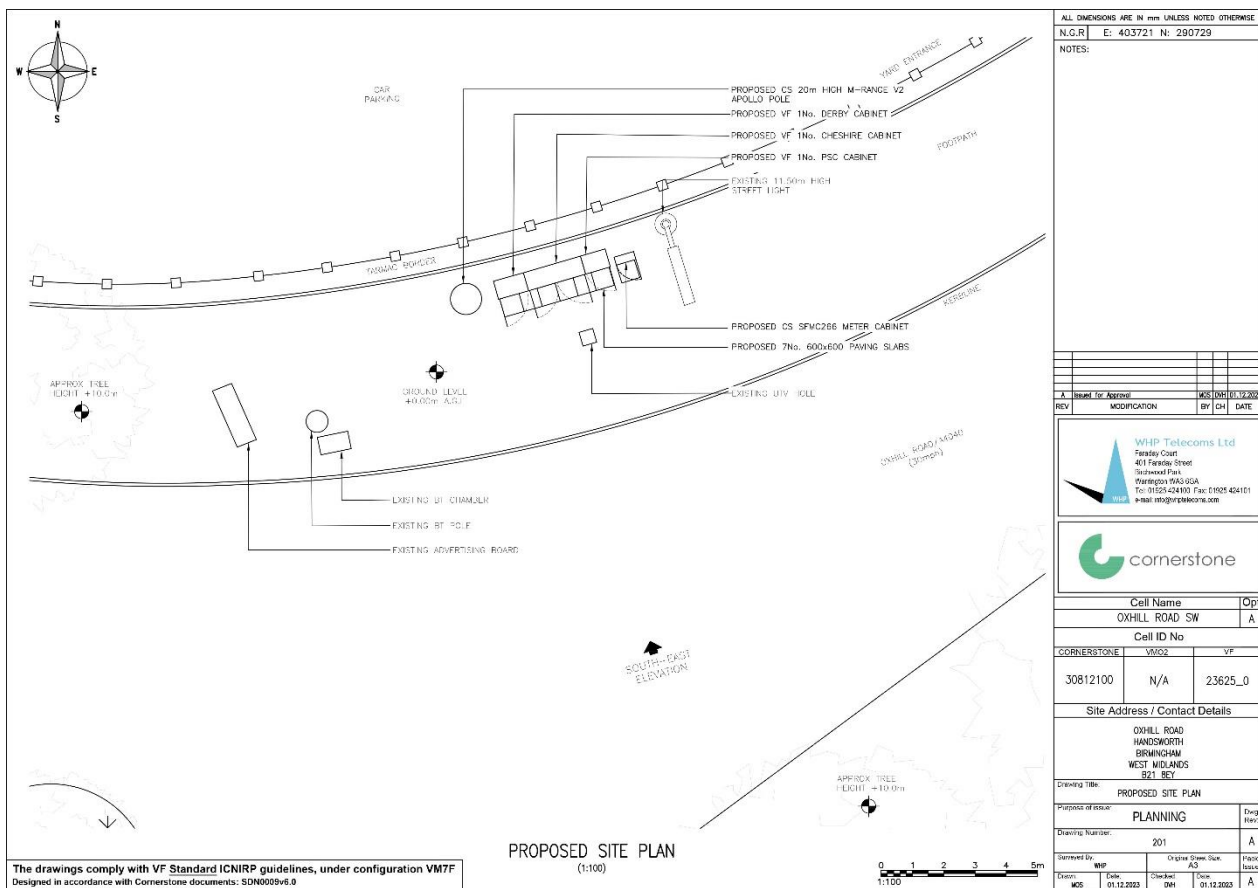


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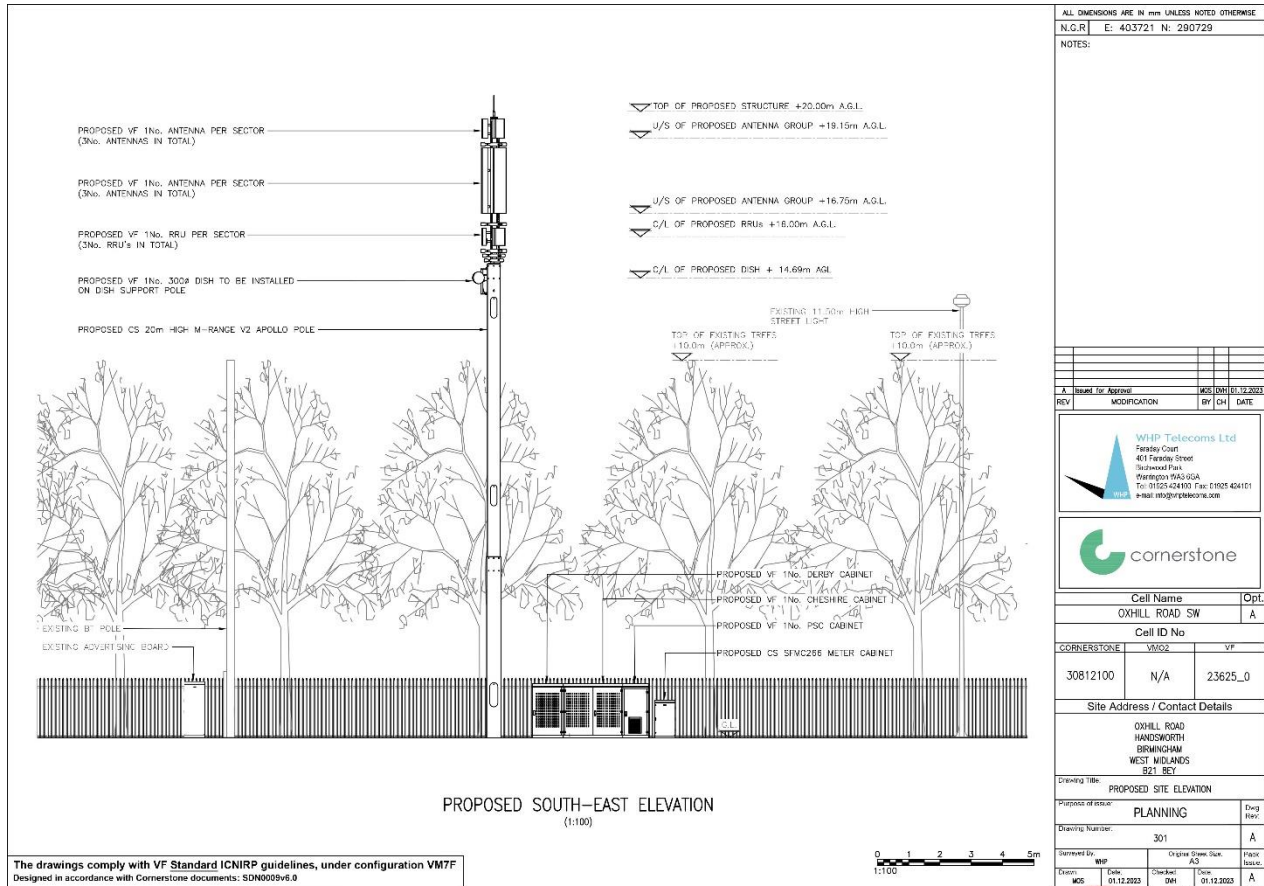
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