

## Good Practice When Choosing and Siting Your Dish

Although it is important to make sure your antenna provides adequate reception, it is also important to consider the visual effect of your antenna (even if your house is not in a designated area or is not listed).

Try to choose an antenna that is no larger than that needed for good reception and within the specified size/volume limits for your area and property.

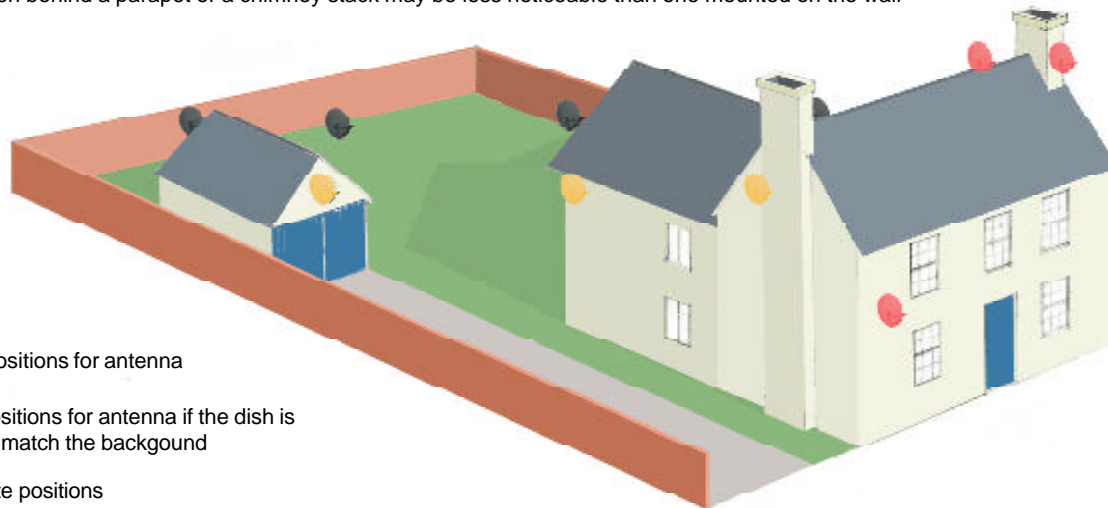
When installing a dish or other antenna, you must position it in such a way so that its effect on the outside appearance of the building is reduced as far as possible. You must also remove it when you no longer need it.

If an antenna is not positioned in the most appropriate place, this can make it more noticeable, or (depending on its colour and appearance) make it stand out from its background.

### Guidance on positioning antenna on a listed building or a building in a conservation area:

(some positions may still need formal consent - see overleaf)

- Antennas on a wall at the back of the building will usually be less noticeable than on the front of the building
- Antennas mounted close to the ground in the back garden will be less noticeable to neighbours than ones mounted on poles
- Antennas hidden behind a parapet or a chimney stack may be less noticeable than one mounted on the wall



- Preferred positions for antenna
- Possible positions for antenna if the dish is coloured to match the background
- Inappropriate positions

When deciding on an antenna and where to position it, you should take into account its effect on neighbours, the public, and the environment. Try to place the antenna where it will be as inconspicuous as possible. If there is any doubt, you should contact the Planning and Building Control Division of the Council for advice.

Dish colour is important. For example, a white dish may blend against a white background but may be more obvious against darker backgrounds, such as brick, or stone.

The materials or the design can also affect how suitable a particular antenna is. For example, a mesh or transparent dish may be less obvious than a solid one.

**The general permission for antenna is given subject to the conditions that the position chosen minimises the effect on the external appearance of the building. If you do not place the antennas in the most appropriate position, the Council may demand that you position it elsewhere (at your own expense).**



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# Installing a Satellite Dish on listed buildings and buildings in conservation areas and the Cranborne Chase AONB



Before you have an antenna installed, you should check whether you need planning permission or, if you live in a listed building, listed building consent.

## Planning Permission and 'Designated Areas'

Depending upon your house type and location and the number, position and size of antenna, you can install antennas up to a specific size without the need for planning permission.

In 'designated areas', which includes Conservation Areas and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, additional limits apply (see below).

### 'Will I need planning permission?'

**'The building in which I live is less than 15 metres (approx. five storeys) high and lies within a Conservation Area / the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'**

- You will not need to apply for planning permission to install an antenna on your property, provided that:

- there will not be more than two antennas on the property;
- when you are installing a single antenna, it is not more than 100 centimetres in any linear dimension (not including any projecting feed element, reinforcing rim, mounting and brackets);
- when you are installing two antennas, one is not more than 100 centimetres in any linear dimension, and the other is not more than 60 centimetres in any linear dimension (not including any projecting feed element, reinforcing rim, mounting and brackets);
- the cubic capacity of each individual antenna is not more than 35 litres;
- an antenna fitted onto a chimney stack is not more than 60 centimetres in any linear dimension;
- an antenna mounted on the roof only extends above the roof when there is a chimney-stack. In this case, the antenna should not extend more than 60 centimetres above the highest part of the roof, or above the highest part of the chimney stack, whichever is lower;
- an antenna is not installed on a chimney, wall, or a roof slope which faces onto, and is visible from, a road.

You should contact the Council's Planning and Building Control Division for further advice if the building in which you live lies within a Conservation Area or the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is more than 15 metres (approx. five storeys) high.

**'How do I find out if my house is in a Conservation Area?'** - *The Council's Design and Conservation Section keeps maps of the designated conservation areas, tel: 01202 886201.*

There are at present 18 conservation areas in East Dorset in the following towns and villages:

Almer  
Burts Hill/Merrifield, Colehill  
Cranborne  
Edmondsham  
Gussage All Saints  
Hampreston  
Hinton Martell  
Horton  
Mapperton  
Pamphill  
Pentridge  
Rowlands Hill/ St Johns Hill (Wimborne Minster)  
Shapwick  
Sturminster Marshall  
West Parley ( All Saints Church )  
Wimborne Minster  
Wimborne St Giles  
Witchampton

**'How do I find out if my house lies within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)?'** - *The Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs AONB covers the north western half of the District. The Council's Design and Conservation Section keeps details of the AONB's designated boundary, tel: 01202 886201 for further information.*

## Listed Buildings

If you live in a listed building you will probably need to apply for Listed Building Consent to install a dish even if you do not need to apply for planning permission.

**'How do I find out if my house is listed?'** - *The Council's Design and Conservation Section can provide a copy of the listing for your property and further guidance in respect of the need for consent, tel. 012020 886201.*

**REMEMBER - You are responsible for placing antennas in the appropriate position.** If you have any doubt about the position you have in mind or whether permission is needed, contact the Council's Planning and Building Control Division.

## Choosing Suppliers and Installers

Suppliers and installers should be familiar with the planning and environmental aspects of installation. You are best advised to buy equipment from a reputable supplier, such as members of the Radio, Electrical and Television Retailers 'Association (RETRA), other established companies or, where appropriate, from the broadcaster and to use installers who are members of the Confederation of Aerial Industries Limited (CAI) or other professionally qualified installers who follow an appropriate Code of Practice in line with this Planning Guide.

## Alternatives to Individual Antennas

If you live in a block of flats; a terrace of houses; or a semi-detached house; it may be possible to use shared antenna systems or cable networks without the need for each household to install an individual antenna.

Shared antenna systems are worth considering if planning permission is unlikely to be granted for several antennas on a single building or a shared system would be more environmentally friendly than for each home to have its own antenna or where landlords or owners have banned individual antennas.

The same planning regulations apply to shared antennas as apply to individual antennas.

The landlord or the building owner is responsible for deciding whether or not to allow the installation of a shared system.

## Further Information

More detailed guidance and advice for can be found in 'The Householder's Planning Guide for the Installation of Antennas, including Satellite Dishes'. This covers all types of buildings in all locations and also includes a statement of good practice on where to place antennas. Copies of the Guide can be obtained from the Council Offices or viewed on and downloaded from the website of the Department for Communities and Local Government at [www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk).

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