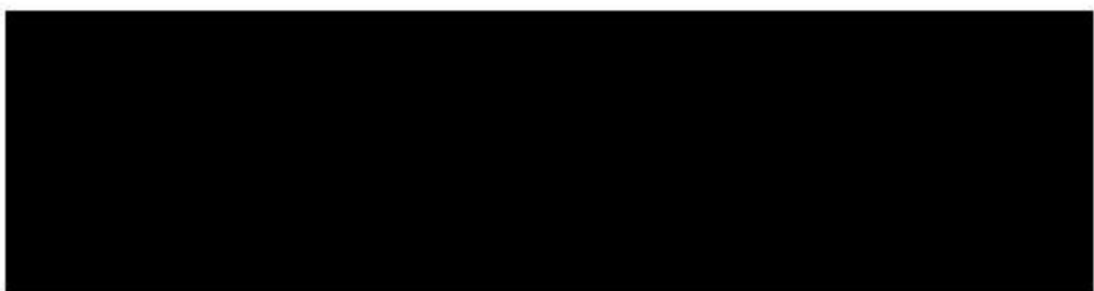


Mid Sussex District Council

Objection to Planning Application Ref: DM/25/0589

Site: Land at Grid Reference 532037 120185, Leylands Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex

I am writing to add further context to my objection, made in my email of 6 April, to the planning application DM/25/0589 for the installation of a 30-metre (approx. 100ft) lattice communications tower, associated antennas, cabinets, and fencing on the above site.


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My concerns are outlined below:

Lack of Future Safeguards Amid Rapid Technological Expansion

While the ICNIRP Declaration submitted as part of this application asserts compliance with current RF exposure guidelines, this is based on a snapshot of the equipment proposed now, at specific frequencies, modulation schemes, and power levels. However, the UK Government has made clear its ambition to provide comprehensive 5G and fibre connectivity across the country, and this mast forms part of a long-term infrastructure programme led by Network Rail and private operators under a 25-year concession.

I feel this raises serious concerns about the future evolution of the site. Once approved, there is a high likelihood that the mast will accommodate more antennas, serve additional operators, or operate across wider frequency bands to support expanded 5G rollouts, all of which could alter the visual, environmental, and technical impacts on the local area.

We residents are therefore being asked to accept a structure whose true long-term scale and implications remain uncertain, with no clear mechanism for future oversight or meaningful community consultation on upgrades. This lack of future safeguard or conditional limitation should be a significant consideration in determining the appropriateness of the current site application.

Moreover, I feel there are legitimate concerns about "**site creep**," whereby an initially modest installation gradually expands over time through a series of incremental changes. Under current planning law, certain upgrades and modifications may be **permitted development and not subject to full public consultation or planning approval**. This creates a **loophole** that could allow the site to grow substantially without adequate scrutiny, further eroding local trust and compromising the character and amenity of the area.


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