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To: "Hamish Evans" <hamish.evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/25/1495

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 01/07/2025 10:24 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Adj. To Rocky Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	The installation of a 22.5 metre lattice mast, mounted with 9No. antennas, 12No. cabinets, 1No. Electrical meter cabinet located within a compound comprised of 2.4 metre high chain-link fence topped with 3 strands of barbed wire and the creation of a new access from Rocky Lane and ancillary development thereto.
Case Officer:	Hamish Evans

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Customer Details

Address:	2 Kilnwood Avenue Haywards Heath
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	OBJECTION: Planning Application DM/25/1495 - 25m Mast Dear Planning Officer, I am writing to strongly object to the above planning application for a 25m telecommunications mast and associated infrastructure.

My objection is based on the following material planning considerations:

1. Detrimental Visual Impact on a Residential Area

The proposed 25-metre high lattice tower is an exceptionally tall and industrial structure, stated to be twice the height of nearby trees. Its scale and design are entirely out of character with the surrounding residential environment. The mast's substantial visual impact will be seriously detrimental to the local landscape and the visual amenity of the numerous properties in the immediate vicinity and the wider area.

2. Inappropriate Siting and Proximity to Homes and a Children's Play Area

The proposed site is inappropriately located in extremely close proximity to family homes and a community recreational area.

The mast would be just 50 metres from the closest residential properties.

It would be only 40 metres from a play and exercise area used by children and local residents.

Placing such a dominant, industrial structure so close to homes and a designated play area is unacceptable. It will create an overbearing and oppressive feature, harming the residential amenity of the neighbourhood and the enjoyment of the public recreational space.

3. Precedent of Refusal for a Similar Mast on Visual Grounds

A previous, related planning application (DM/24/0880) for a similar mast was refused by this council. This new proposal should also be rejected on the grounds of its negative visual impact, which is arguably greater due to its immediate proximity to homes and a play area.

4. Noise and Disturbance

The proposed development includes "12 cooling fans located at ground level". The potential for persistent noise, including an "electrical hum", from this equipment would create a statutory nuisance for the nearest residents, negatively impacting their right to the peaceful enjoyment of their homes.

While the objective to provide a signal for the Brighton Main Line is noted, it should not be at the expense of the visual and residential amenity of local residents. An alternative site, previously proposed under application DM/24/0880, exists 340m further south and would be a far better choice to mitigate these

impacts.

I urge the Planning Committee to consider the significant and harmful impact this development would have and to refuse permission for this application.

Kind regards