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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 5:14 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:	16 Rocky Drive 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:	Re: Objection to Planning Application DM/25/1495 - Proposal for 25m telecom mast on mainline Brighton Dear Mr Evans, We are writing to formally object to the proposed planning application DM/25/1495 for the installation of a 25-metre

telecommunication mast along the mainline Brighton. According to West Sussex planning regulations, particularly policies outlined in the County Local Plan and supplementary planning guidance, developments should minimise visual impact and prioritize community benefits. While the need for enhanced mobile coverage is acknowledged, we have significant concerns regarding the potential health, environmental, and community impacts of this development.

Our primary objections are as follows:

* Health and Safety Concerns

- Impact of Non-Thermal Heating Effects

Recent scientific studies have raised concerns about the potential non-thermal biological effects of electromagnetic fields (EMF) emitted by 4G and 5G antennas, including possible adverse effects on human health even at levels below current thermal safeguards. Unlike thermal effects, which are well understood and regulated, non-thermal impacts have limited regulation and remain insufficiently studied.

- International Safety Limits and Comparisons

While the UK follows guidelines set by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), several countries, such as Switzerland and Italy, have adopted more precautionary limits that are significantly lower. These countries recognize the uncertainties surrounding long-term exposure to EMFs, particularly as regards 5G networks' higher frequencies and densities.

- European Parliament Findings

The European Parliament's 2020 review on 5G and electromagnetic fields highlighted unresolved scientific uncertainties about potential health effects, especially among vulnerable populations such as children and pregnant women. The report recommended a precautionary approach until comprehensive independent research provides conclusive evidence regarding long-term safety.

- Non-Thermal Heating Risks

Emerging research suggests that non-thermal effects, including cellular stress and potential genetic damage, could occur at exposures below internationally accepted limits. These effects could be exacerbated over prolonged exposure, particularly in areas with strong signals.

* Environmental and Community Impact

- Noise from Cooling Fans

The proposed mast requires twelve cooling fans to prevent overheating. These fans are likely to operate continuously,

generating noise levels that could disturb nearby residents, especially during night-time or early morning hours. Persistent noise pollution can significantly impact residents' quality of life, sleep patterns, and overall well-being.

- Visual and Aesthetic Impact

The mast's height and appearance will alter the visual landscape, impacting the local character and rural aesthetics - in conflict with policies aimed at preserving these environments. This is especially pertinent considering West Sussex's commitment to preserving its scenic beauty and rural character.

- Limited Benefits to Local Residents

As the mast will primarily serve commuters along the mainline Brighton rather than local communities, it raises questions about whether the development meets local planning priorities and whether existing coverage could be improved without such intrusive infrastructure. Local communities should be prioritised over transient commuter needs.

* Regulatory and Policy Considerations

Given the concerns outlined above, we urge the council to:

- Reconsider this application in light of the potential health risks, especially in relation to non-thermal effects.
- Ensure strict adherence to local and international safety standards, with a preference for more precautionary limits where applicable.
- Require comprehensive independent health and environmental impact assessments prior to approval.
- Explore alternative solutions with less visual and noise impact.

Thank you for considering our concerns. We trust that these points will be integral to your decision-making process to uphold your obligation to protect both the health and well-being of local residents and the environment.

Yours faithfully,

Mr & Mrs Graham & Adrienne Sale
16 Rocky Drive
100m away from the proposed site

Kind regards