

Hamish Evans

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Sent: 26 June 2025 21:14
To: Hamish Evans
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 26/06/2025 9:13 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:	5 The Holt 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:

5 The Holt
Haywards Heath
West Sussex
RH16 4XR

26 June 2025

Re: Objection to Planning Application DM/25/1495 - Proposed 5G Mast near Rocky Lane

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed installation of a 5G mast near our residential estate on Rocky Lane, as outlined in planning application DM/25/1495.

This development poses numerous concerns, which I would like to raise:

- **Impact on Local Character:** The proposed mast would severely undermine the appearance and harmony of our neighbourhood and a number of others nearby. Our estate and the ones also affected are well-maintained and attractive residential areas, home to many young families who have worked hard to make the area a safe, welcoming place. A large, industrial-looking structure would be wholly out of place and visually intrusive.
- **Poor Quality of Design:** The height, bulk, and stark utilitarian design of the mast are in stark contrast to the carefully considered layout and aesthetic of our estate and other areas nearby, our estate in particular prioritises low-rise dwellings, green space, and a sense of community. This proposal does nothing to preserve or enhance the area's character.
- **Overbearing Presence and Loss of Outlook:** The scale and siting of the mast would have a significantly overbearing impact on nearby homes, obstructing views and diminishing the enjoyment of our environment. Residents, especially those whose properties face the mast directly, would suffer a serious loss of outlook.
- **Highway Safety Concerns:** The installation may introduce highway safety issues, particularly during construction and maintenance periods, with heavy equipment and additional traffic disrupting local routes.
- **Loss of Important Trees:** If the project requires the removal of mature trees which contribute to the visual appeal, biodiversity, and tranquillity of our estate then that is unforgivable. These trees are an essential part of the local environment and should be preserved.
- **Noise and Disturbance:** The addition of a 5G mast would result in increased noise and activity in what is currently a peaceful residential setting. The potential for mechanical noise, ongoing maintenance visits, and increased foot or vehicle traffic presents a real disruption to day-to-day life.
- **Health and Wellbeing Considerations:** With two young children, I am especially concerned about placing telecommunications infrastructure of this nature so close to family homes. Although scientific consensus continues to evolve, the possibility of long-term health implications cannot be entirely dismissed, and many residents feel uncomfortable with the risks.

We feel it is very irresponsible of the council to even consider allowing a mast to be built in such close proximity to housing in an area that already has phone coverage when the village next to us (Cuckfield) is a complete dead spot for all mobile phone signal and it seems completely reckless to even consider this location.

Given there appears to be no economic benefit to the local community as this eyesore is only being installed to mainly benefit commuters with internet connection on the railway for a miniscule proportion of their journey when we will have to endure this eye sore day in and day out without benefits to us whatsoever, especially in contrast to the numerous harms it may cause, I urge the council to reject this application. There are more suitable, less sensitive locations for such infrastructure that would avoid degrading our cherished residential environment.

Thank you for your time and for giving this matter your serious consideration.
Yours faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]

Kind regards