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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 14/07/2025 5:20 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. (Additional Highways information received 08.07.2025)
Case Officer:	Hamish Evans

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Customer Details

Address: 1 Old House Lane Haywards Heath Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	While I understand the need for modern communications infrastructure, I believe this proposal is wholly inappropriate for the location in question and would have a detrimental impact on both the character and environment of the area. My primary concerns are as follows:

1. Visual Appearance and Scale

The proposed mast is of considerable height and bulk, making it wholly out of keeping with the surrounding area, which is largely rural/residential in character. Its industrial appearance would clash starkly with the natural setting, becoming an eyesore on the local landscape and significantly altering the visual character of the area.

2. Loss of Outlook

For many residents, the mast would dominate the view from nearby homes and public spaces, causing a significant loss of outlook. This would negatively impact not only the enjoyment of our homes and surroundings, but also the sense of openness and tranquillity currently afforded by the landscape.

3. Environmental Impact

There is also the real potential for environmental damage, particularly the loss of trees and other established vegetation in the area. These natural features play a crucial role in supporting local wildlife and biodiversity, reducing pollution, and helping to absorb floodwater. The proposed installation could lead to irreversible harm to these vital systems, particularly during construction or through long-term maintenance access.

4. Precedent and Landscape Integrity

Approving this application could set an unwelcome precedent for future development of similar infrastructure in equally inappropriate locations, leading to the gradual erosion of our countryside's integrity.

In summary, while technological progress is necessary, it must be balanced with thoughtful planning and respect for local communities and environments. I urge you to refuse this application and instead encourage a more sensitive approach to infrastructure rollout, such as less visually intrusive designs, alternative locations, or co-location with existing structures.

Kind regards