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MSDC Planning Committee
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Chair, Councillors,

I urge you to refuse this mast application due to serious factual and procedural weaknesses in the planning report.

First, the site is protected as Local Green Space under Policy G4 of the Burgess Hill Neighbourhood Plan. The report claims the mast “would not impact the use of the site,” but a 30-metre mast and compound clearly changes the character and use of this valued public space. This interpretation is questionable and not robustly justified.

Second, many residents, schools, and site users report they were not properly notified or consulted. The report asserts compliance with consultation policy but provides no evidence. If statutory consultation requirements under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 were not fully met, this is a serious procedural error.

Third, despite numerous objections about ecological and landscape impact, no Environmental Impact Assessment was submitted. The report claims one is not needed, but given the site’s designation and proximity to sensitive receptors, this could be challenged.

Fourth, the report relies on ICNIRP guidelines for health and safety, but admits these do not cover all risks, such as interference with medical implants. It gives “little weight” to these concerns without clear evidence, leaving the decision open to challenge if new evidence emerges or if vulnerable groups were not properly considered.

Fifth, the Town Council objects based on non-compliance with several policies, including DP23, DP26, DP29, DP38, G1, and G4. The report selectively interprets compliance and does not fully address these objections, contrary to Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Finally, there are claims of inaccuracies in the application documents, including photomontages and biodiversity assessments, which the report dismisses without detailed rebuttal.

In summary, this application is open to legal and procedural challenge on multiple grounds. I urge you to refuse it and ensure all legal and policy requirements are fully met before any decision is made.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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