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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 26/06/2025 10:28 AM.

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:	7 Kingfisher 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:	Melanie Catchpole 7 Kingfisher Drive, Haywards Heath RH16 4TX 26th June 2025 Planning Department

Mid Sussex District Council
Oaklands Road
Haywards Heath
West Sussex RH16 1SS
Attn: Hamish Evans

Re: Objection to Planning Application DM/25/1495 for Proposed
22.5m Mast Installation near Rocky Lane

Dear Hamish,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed erection of a 22.5-metre telecommunications mast within 400 metres of my home, our village, and the local school. As a resident and parent, I have serious concerns regarding the impact this development would have on our community.

1. Visual and Environmental Impact

The proposed mast would be clearly visible from my daughter's bedroom window and from many of the newly built homes in the area, which currently enjoy uninterrupted views of the South Downs. The structure would be entirely out of keeping with the rural character of our village and would significantly detract from the natural beauty of the surrounding landscape. Furthermore, the potential disruption to local wildlife and green space is deeply troubling.

2. Proximity to Residential and Educational Areas

The mast's location - less than 400 metres from a primary school and numerous family homes - raises serious concerns. While scientific consensus on health risks remains debated, the perception of risk alone can cause distress and anxiety, particularly among parents and vulnerable residents.

3. Impact on Property Values

The presence of such a prominent industrial structure in a residential area is likely to have a negative effect on local property values. Many residents, including myself, have invested in homes here because of the peaceful setting and scenic views - both of which would be compromised by this development.

4. Lack of Community Consultation

To my knowledge, there has been insufficient engagement with local residents regarding this proposal. Given the scale and sensitivity of the development, I believe a more transparent and inclusive consultation process is essential.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the planning committee to reject this application. I trust that the council will prioritise the wellbeing of its residents and the preservation of our local environment.

Yours faithfully,
Melanie Catchpole

Kind regards