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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 3:51 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:	27 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:	Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing as a resident of The Beeches, Rocky Lane, to formally object to the planning application (Ref: DM/25/1495) currently under consideration by Mid Sussex District Council. Having reviewed the proposed development, I have serious

concerns regarding its impact on both the local environment and the well-being of nearby residents. My specific objections are outlined below:

1. Impact on the Area's Appearance

The proposed development is entirely out of character with the existing housing and rural landscape of the area. The scale and height of the new mast will dominate the local area, which is intended to be a rural landscape with large areas of green. The development borders to the south on an area of ancient woodland to which we have no access due to its high wildlife content. The new mast will significantly detract from the area's established appearance.

2. Overbearing Impact and Loss of View

The proximity of the proposed structure would have a substantial overbearing effect on nearby residences, including my own. It would result in a significant loss of view to the west, which is currently dominated by trees and the roofs of a few neighbouring houses, but not by any structural metal constructions that obstruct the view. Currently, all roofs are below the tree line; the proposed mast will by far be the tallest structure around, with the top width being nearly the size of a small bungalow on stilts, completely overbearing the surrounding area.

3. Highway Safety Concerns

The proposed development envisions vehicular access via a narrow, windy country road. The placement of the mast will render it visible from the primary bypass around Haywards Heath, potentially causing distraction on an already heavily utilised stretch of road. This aligns with previously raised concerns regarding the potential impact of high-speed vehicles on road safety.

4. Lack of Economic Benefit

Although the application asserts economic benefits from the installation of 5G along the London to Brighton main railway line, it fails to provide any tangible benefits to the neighbouring housing units that already have ultra-fast fibre connectivity. Furthermore, the potential benefits of this small section of trainline receiving 5G access are questionable, given that other parts of the neighbouring areas suffer from poor or non-existent signal coverage.

It is imperative that any investment in a 5G mast should be directed towards benefiting as many residents as possible, rather than solely serving a select group of passing commuters on the trainline. If the primary objective is to enhance the experience for train commuters, the placement of the mast should be strategically situated to minimise its impact on neighbouring houses.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully urge the Planning Authority to reject this application in its current form. Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours faithfully,
Marco van Dijk
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Kind regards