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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 02/07/2025 8:12 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:	2 Old House Lane 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:	While I appreciate the need for improved digital connectivity, this proposal poses several unacceptable risks to the visual integrity, public health confidence, and environmental wellbeing of our community. Below are the grounds for my objection, supported by relevant expert sources and policy frameworks: Negative Impact on Property Values

The presence of a large telecommunications mast may deter prospective buyers, reducing property values in the surrounding area. Firms such as Stevens & Bolton LLP have noted that visible infrastructure like this can negatively affect market appeal due to perceived health risks and aesthetic disruption.

Visual Impact & Planning Policy Conflict

The mast's height and bulk are inappropriate for a residential area like ours and would dominate the skyline in a way that undermines the character of the neighbourhood. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) calls for infrastructure to be "sympathetically designed and camouflaged where possible," which this proposal does not seem to address.

Health Concerns and Community Wellbeing

Though regulators assert that current 5G deployments comply with safety guidelines, public concern remains high, particularly due to the lack of comprehensive long-term studies. The World Health Organization has noted that research into higher 5G frequencies remains limited. Additionally, a 2023 case report by Hardell & Nilsson documented individuals experiencing symptoms consistent with microwave syndrome following nearby 5G base station installation. As such, the precautionary principle should apply until the science reaches full consensus.

Environmental Risks

The mast installation could disrupt local wildlife and green space, especially if tree removal is required. A submission to Parliament by Dr. Tanja Rebel highlights risks posed to pollinators and soil microbes from increased electromagnetic exposure. The European Parliament's STOA Panel has also expressed concerns regarding 5G's potential impact on biological systems, recommending further study before mass deployment.

Lack of Adequate Community Consultation

There has been minimal transparency and engagement with local residents in this process. A development of this scale and prominence should involve meaningful public consultation and consider alternative, less intrusive locations.

In light of the above concerns, supported by planning guidance and independent research, I urge the planning committee to reject the current proposal. I am not opposed to improved connectivity, but it must be achieved in a way that respects community interests, environmental sustainability, and public trust.

Kind regards