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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 13/07/2025 9:58 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: 8 kingfisher Drive Bolnore Haywards heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Planning application DM/25/1495 - Proposal for large 5G mast close to children's play areas and an estate of family housing - Bolnore
	Dear Mid Sussex DC Planning Authority,

I am writing to object to the above planning application in the strongest possible terms primarily in view of the health risks and consequences of siting a large 5G mast, and associated infrastructure, so close to infants' play areas and concentrations of family housing.

I am myself expecting our first child and am very unsettled and anxious owing to this alarming proposal.

It feels as if the Council values the low priority communication needs of railway travellers passing through this area over the health and well being of local permanent residents.

When considering this planning application the authority (officers and members) are urged to consider the following key material points:

- Health risks: There are established concerns about potential health risks associated with prolonged exposure to radiofrequency radiation, particularly for infants and young children. There have been scientific studies and recommendations, such as the ICNIRP guidelines and research on non-thermal effects of radiofrequency radiation.
- Vulnerable sections of the community: We argue that the precautionary principle should be applied, given the uncertainty and potential risks to vulnerable populations, such as children.
- Incompatible Land Use: the proximity of the mast to sensitive areas is of major concern, such as the infants' play area and housing for young families. This is patently an incompatible and unacceptable use
- While not a material Planning consideration we have a personal/ financial concern about potential negative impacts on property values in the surrounding area.
- Alternative Locations: we respectfully and seriously suggest alternative locations for the mast that would minimize exposure to nearby residents, particularly children.

In summary and to conclude:

1. We strongly object to the proposed 5G mast due to its proximity to infants' play areas and housing for young families. The potential health risks associated with radiofrequency radiation exposure are a significant concern.

2. The proposed mast would be an incompatible and unacceptable use of land, given its location near sensitive areas. Alternative locations should be explored to minimize exposure to nearby residents. We understand an alternative improved siting has already been submitted to your authority.

3. We request that the planning authority applies the

precautionary principle and refuses this application, given the uncertainty and potential risks to vulnerable populations.

In conclusion the health and well-being risks to vulnerable sections of the permanently resident community far outweigh the communication benefits to fleetingly present railway commuters.

Yours faithfully,

Sophie and Tom Voller

Kind regards