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Land Adj. to Rocky Lane, Haywards Heath, West Sussex

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the planning application DM/25/1495 for the proposed installation of a 22.5 metre lattice mast with associated antennas, cabinets, fencing, in the area of Rocky Lane.

While I understand the need for modern communications infrastructure, I am seriously concerned about the potential adverse impacts this mast may bring to our local community, particularly in a primarily residential area. My objections are as follows:

1. Health Concerns

There is ongoing public concern and scientific debate regarding the long-term health implications of exposure to radiofrequency (RF) radiation, especially with the increased intensity and frequency used in 5G technology. Vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly, and those with pre-existing health conditions may be at greater risk. Given the proximity of the proposed mast to residential areas and possibly schools, I find this unacceptable.

2. Impact on Local Environment and Wildlife

Research suggests that electromagnetic radiation from such masts may negatively affect birds, bees, and other wildlife, disrupting ecosystems. The area surrounding Rocky Lane includes green spaces that support biodiversity, which should be protected.

3. Visual and Residential Amenity

A 22.5 metre lattice mast and its surrounding barbed wire fencing will be highly intrusive and unsightly, significantly altering the character and visual appeal of the area. This will negatively impact the amenity enjoyed by residents and may affect property values.

4. Lack of Community Consultation

To my knowledge, there has been no meaningful consultation with local residents regarding this proposal. The decision to install such a structure should not be taken lightly and must involve those most affected by it.

5. Precedent for Future Development

Approval of this application may set a concerning precedent for further such installations in inappropriate locations within residential areas, bypassing more suitable alternatives like co-locating on existing infrastructure or siting in less sensitive zones.

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge the Council to reject this application.

Thank you for your consideration of this objection. Please confirm receipt of this letter via email and I would be grateful to be kept informed of any decisions or updates regarding this application.

Yours faithfully,