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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 April 2025 11:01
To: planninginfo
Subject: RE: Planning Application DM/25/0589

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Hello to Planning,

My Key Concerns About Planning Application DM/25/0589

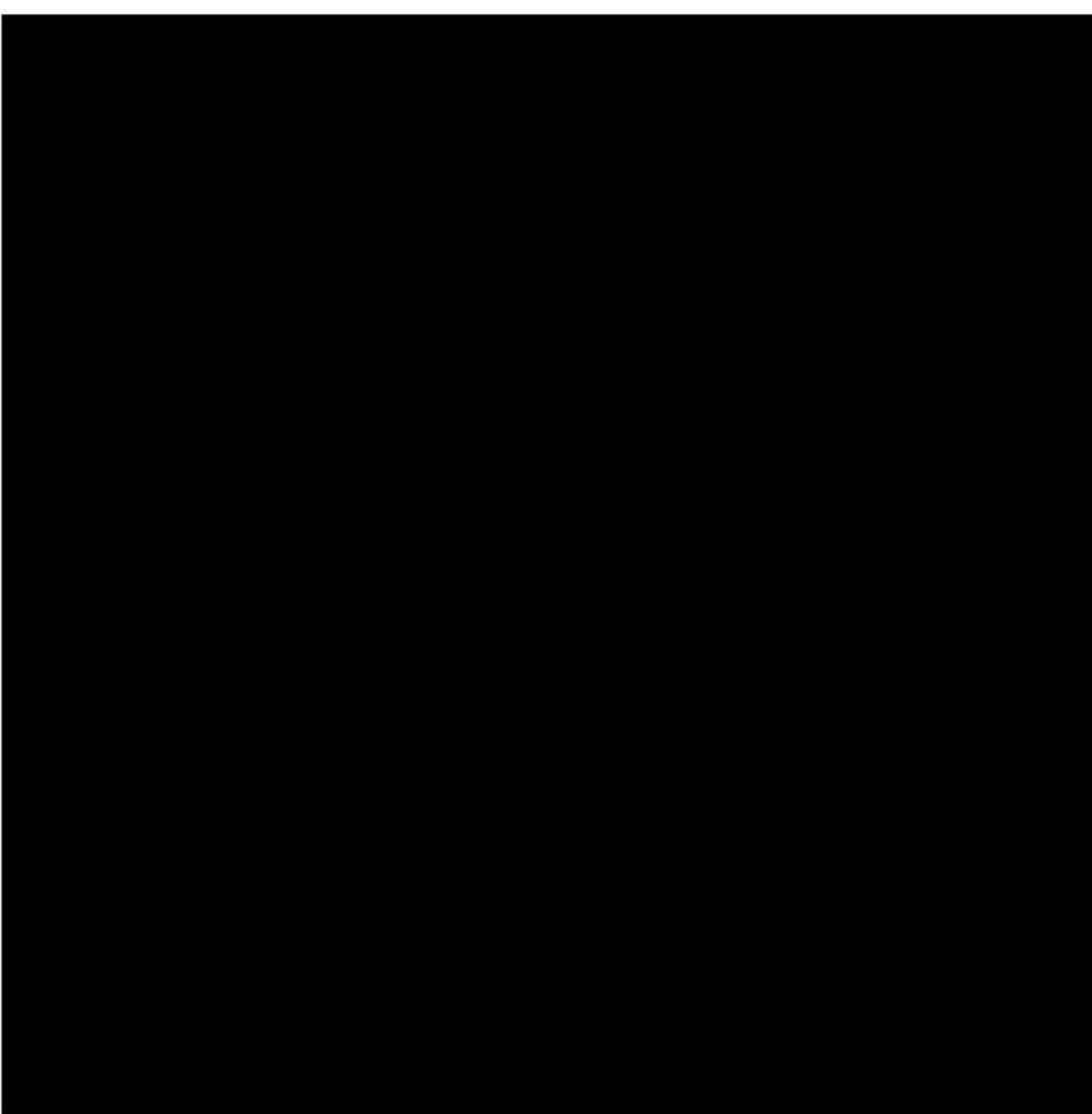
- **A Blot on the Landscape:**
The proposed 30-metre mast and associated compound will be a **highly intrusive eyesore**, rising well above the treeline. It will dominate views across a peaceful, natural area, transforming a valued green space into an industrial zone.
- **Loss of Green Space:**
The site sits on open grassland beside a well-used footpath enjoyed daily by local residents. This development would destroy a rare and much-loved **green corridor**, replacing it with fencing, metal cabinets, and concrete – a loss that cannot be undone.
- **Speculative and Unjustified:**
This is a **speculative application** with **no confirmed mobile operator**. The ICNIRP certificate has been filed "on behalf of all MNOs", but there is **no evidence of a contract** or an identified network need. It is simply a pre-emptive land grab, not a community-backed infrastructure plan.
- **Too Close to Homes and Schools:**
The proposed site is just **60–85 metres from residential homes** and less than 300m from **schools and nurseries**. Children, families, and vulnerable residents should not be exposed to this kind of industrial structure in such close proximity.
- **Environmental and Sustainability Concerns:** 5G infrastructure is **energy-intensive**, and the ecological impacts of EMFs are still poorly understood. Insects and wildlife are already in decline – this mast could make things worse. No **Environmental Impact Assessment** appears to have been carried out. How does this support the council's commitment to **Biodiversity Net Gain**?
- **Questionable Utility of 5G for Mobile Signal Improvement.** Despite widespread assumptions, 5G infrastructure does not necessarily result in better mobile phone coverage or reception. In fact, **Ofcom** and various independent telecom analysts have confirmed that **5G primarily supports high-capacity data applications**, often in urban centres or industrial environments, rather than traditional voice or signal connectivity in suburban or rural communities.

According to a 2021 report by the **European Parliamentary Research Service**, 5G's benefit for general mobile phone usage remains limited, especially when rolled out using high-frequency millimetre wave technology, which is poorly suited for long-range or indoor penetration. The technology is not yet mature and lacks full integration into everyday telecommunications for most users. In this light, the justification for such an imposing mast—particularly in a green, residential setting—is unproven and misleading.

The public must not be misled into thinking this development will improve local mobile phone signal when that is neither its primary purpose nor a guaranteed outcome.

If you can let me know the outcome.

Thank you,



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On Friday, April 11th, 2025 at 9:29 AM, planninginfo <planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Davies,

Thank you for your comments. However, all comments to be uploaded must include your address to be registered. Please can you resend your comments containing your address and they will be redacted to remove your name and email address and uploaded to the case file.

Kind regards

Peter

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Working Together for a Better Mid Sussex

Sent: 10 April 2025 23:21

To: planninginfo <planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk>

Cc: Anne Eves (Cllr) <anne.eves@midsussex.gov.uk>; Simon Hicks (Cllr)

Hello to Planning, Anne and Simon.

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