

I believe that we are in direct line of sight of the proposed structure, but only became aware of this Planning Notice from a neighbour. MSDC need to expand the notification to more residents who will have direct line of sight, adjusting the 'respond by' date accordingly.

Having now reviewed the application, my first observation is that the proposed site is situated on land that I believe is considered to be part of Bedelands Farm Nature Reserve. Is this not protected land?

Additionally There are a number of apparent anomalies in the application paperwork. These include:

- The location is described as semi-rural. The location is little more than a 'green space' in a significantly residential area. The associated map depicts the number of properties either side of the railway line. The proposed tower is not suitable for installation in the middle of a residential area.
- The documentation suggests there may be a biodiversity net gain. I fail to see anything other than a biodiversity net loss.
- The application reports that the nearest water-course is 300 to 400 meters away. The nearest water-course is actually less than 200 meters away.
- The photo montage includes a couple of pictures of 'The Blackthorns'. Whilst the camera is positioned on The Blackthorns, the view is actually of Maple Close, and shows the proposed mast towering above the properties like something from a sci-fi horror movie! The structure is not simply an eyesore but a monstrosity.
- The site map includes a blue line depicting a power source that appears to terminate at a comms cabinet on the corner of Maple Close/Maple Drive. Both power and internet connectivity needs to be queried for the sake of accuracy.

With so many areas demanding clarification, one wonders how many other inaccuracies are encapsulated within the application.

Other issues that will need to be clarified include:

- Site access for heavy duty plant and machinery is from Leylands Road, and crosses a stream bed (which is a tributary of the Arun). It will be necessary to ensure that the stream bed is not put at any risk by these activities.
- The footpath that links Maple Drive to Valebridge Road is well used. The proposal suggests that cabling (either power or internet) will be installed within this footpath. How will the route be kept open during the proposed works? Closing it for any period is not an option.
- Similarly, how will the footpath across the proposed site (to Leylands Road) be kept open?

In conclusion, it is clear that the proposed location for a 30 metre high lattice tower is entirely inappropriate and permission should not be given by MDSC,



