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To: "Hamish Evans" <hamish.evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/0568

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 29/03/2026 6:20 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Network Rail London To Brighton Railway - Copyhold Junction To Haywards Heath Station Clair Road Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	The installation of an 8.1m pole supporting four antennas, with one equipment cabinet on steel mesh grillage with a handrail and screw pile foundations
Case Officer:	Hamish Evans

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Customer Details

Address:	18 Margaret Street, Brighton
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
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Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
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Reasons for comment:

Comments:	INVALID ICNIRP DECLARATION SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT:
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	1) The *ICNIRP 'self-certification' Declaration submitted by the applicant refers only to the
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"design" of the installation and does not conform to the required statement provided in the 'Code of Practice for Wireless Network Development' (www.assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/61ea8f18d3bf7f054c397cf8/Code_of_Practice_for_Wireless_Network_Development_-_annex_B_and_C.pdf) -- where the Applicant is REQUIRED to declare that "the proposed site shall be operated to be in full compliance with the requirements of the radio frequency (RF) guideline limits of the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) for public exposure and UK legislation."

By using the words 'is designed', the Applicant is evading responsibility (liability) for the operation of the installation at the required ICNIRP levels and, thus, deflecting that liability away from themselves - which can have serious repercussions in the event of future adverse health claims from residents living in close proximity to these masts.

ADDITIONALLY, Ofcom states: "A1.14 We do not agree that EMF risks can be appropriately addressed by only imposing obligations on manufacturers. Regardless of the steps a manufacturer takes to mitigate EMF risks, it is the user or operator of the equipment that is ultimately in control of how the equipment operates and any EMF levels that are produced by the equipment on an ongoing basis" - <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/siteassets/resources/documents/spectrum/emf/general-notice-final-decision-emf-licence-variation.pdf?v=326431> (Publication Date: 18 May 2021)

2) Additionally, the ICNIRP Guidelines state that people with "implantable medical devices" and "***metallic implants" in the body are "outside the scope of these guidelines" (as mentioned on page 2 of the 2020 ICNIRP Guidelines report) which indicates that these vulnerable people are NOT protected by the 'Guidelines' and subject to potential harm from 5G telecoms installations within their local area.

**There are many scenarios in which metal is used in the human body for medical reasons: Surgical - metal pins, plates, rods, discs, screws e.g. scoliosis surgery and joint replacement of knees and hips. Urinary, gynaecological and intestinal repairs - e.g. mesh repairs and copper contraceptive coils. Cardiovascular - implantable heart loop recorders, stents and pacemakers. Implants to treat and monitor health conditions, deliver drugs or to restore bodily functions e.g. diabetes related products. Magnetic cerebral spinal fluid shunts. Cochlear implants for hearing loss. Dental work - braces, implants, metal crowns, pins, denture arches, mercury amalgam fillings. What about body piercings?

Kind regards