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Sent: 07 April 2025 07:10
To: planninginfo
Cc: Simon Hicks (Cllr); Anne Eves (Cllr)
Subject: Objection to DM/25/0589 from 3 Valebridge Road

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Dear Hamish,

Ref: Planning Application DM/25/0589

We are writing to express our objection to the above referenced planning application, which we note is meant to be open for public comment on the planning website until the 10th April, yet was closed on the 3rd or 4th April, why was this? Surely it should be reopened again, or the date extended. Emails can go unread, a planing portal has a live timestamp on.

The proposed site is roughly 150m from our house, we were not consulted as were many other residents we've spoken with, we feel that there has been very little transparency regarding this proposal, there are MANY houses very close to the site and a fairly large housing estate, less than 20 were contacted, there are schools/nurseries within 300m who also weren't consulted.

The starting point is that it's hugely ugly, and won't be hidden. While it won't be immediately visible from my garden it will be from upstairs, there are many houses bordering the site who will pretty much see nothing but that tower from their gardens, and most of the housing estate will be able to see it.

It will be the highest structure for many miles around. If you take the bridge that passes under the tracks by Wivelsfield Station, the highest clearance is 4.1m then add another 2m to reach the tracks, this mast is going to be roughly 5 of that bridge high, that is monstrous, nothing will hide that.

The area is a very popular route which I walk twice daily with my dog to get to Bedelands nature reserve, it's currently untouched and is a haven for wildlife, backing onto many houses as well as being very close to the nature reserve, a 31m high tower doesn't belong there.

The area is a cut through to a nature reserve, there are many species of wildlife around there, this will impact on the wildlife and surely it flies in the face of having a nature reserve if you're going to erect a huge telecommunications tower right by it...? Just yesterday I saw a Red Kite and 2 other birds of prey while walking through there, I see birds of prey circling many times through the day above there and have heard owls at late evening time walking through.

5G towers require 3 times more power than 4G masts, roughly 73 homes, on an already struggling grid where power outages are back to being the norm.

The area gets very boggy and swampy during wet months, how will this impact accessing the tower, will it result in a tarmac roadway eventually going in so that access isn't affected, meaning yet more grass would be removed.

Very little long term data is known regarding 5G but what is known is that these towers require 'line of sight' so this will be the start of many more potentially going up. It's also known that they emit dangerous levels of EMF. This impacts anything living, it can also impact people with implantable medical devices. There are many examples & pictures of vegetation close to these towers dying away., they're also known to cause EMF radiation sickness, which can manifest itself in many ways, including depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, disrupted sleep patterns, way too many side effects to list.

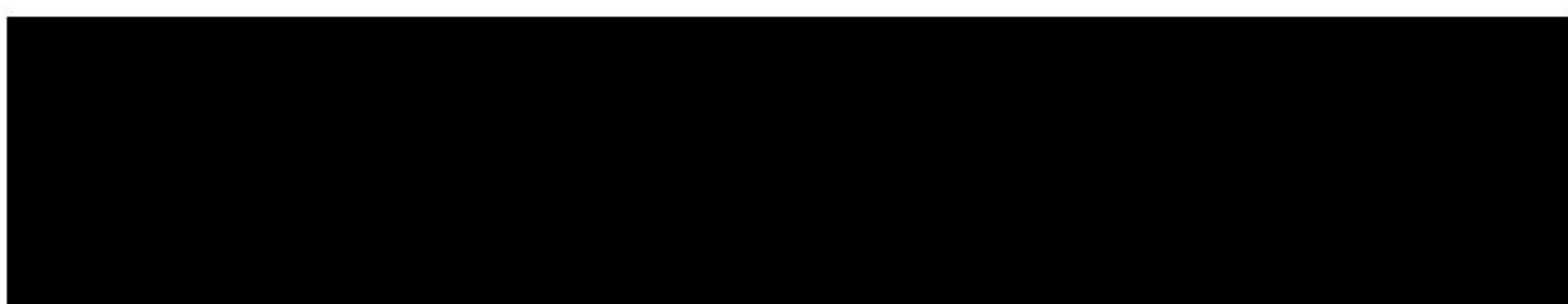
I refer you to a daily mail article only this week, a cluster of cancers amongst in a school attributed to a telecoms tower located outside. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-6886561/Cell-phone-tower-shut-elementary-school-eight-kids-diagnosed-cancer.html>

In the 90s, at the start of the mobile phone boom, my husband carried out site surveys for one of the leading mobile phone providers, they were purposely sited on top of buildings where human activity was near non existent, purely because there had to be an exclusion zone around the masts because of the radiation given out. That was in the 90s, and the equipment was simpler back then, the tower being applied for is an absolute monster and shouldn't be sited in the middle of a densely populated area or next to a wildlife haven.

There are many many reasons why this is a worrying planning application and many many reasons why it should be rejected.

Please confirm that my objections will be added to the others, as it has been sent at 07.08 on Monday 7th April, in plenty of time for the 'before 10th April' deadline listed on the application.

Many thanks,

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