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To: "Hamish Evans" <hamish.evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/25/1495

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 05/07/2025 8:16 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land Adj. To Rocky Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex
Proposal:	The installation of a 22.5 metre lattice mast, mounted with 9No. antennas, 12No. cabinets, 1No. Electrical meter cabinet located within a compound comprised of 2.4 metre high chain-link fence topped with 3 strands of barbed wire and the creation of a new access from Rocky Lane and ancillary development thereto.
Case Officer:	Hamish Evans

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Customer Details

Address:	2 Cedar Avenue Haywards Heath
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Subject: Objection to Planning Application DM/25/1495 - Proposed 5G Mast Dear Planning Team, I am writing to formally object to planning application DM/25/1495 regarding the proposed installation of a 5G telecommunications

mast near Rocky Lane/Bolnore Village.

While I support improvements in technology, I strongly oppose this particular development due to the following material planning concerns:

1. Overbearing Scale and Visual Impact

The proposed structure is extremely large - the height is equivalent to a seven-storey building - and completely out of character with the surrounding residential environment. Its scale and industrial appearance will have a significant overbearing effect, especially given its proximity to family homes and a children's play park. It will disrupt the visual appearance and openness of the area, and negatively affect the enjoyment of nearby public spaces.

2. Lack of Local Benefit

The mast appears to provide little to no benefit to the local estate. Based on the signal coverage map provided with the application, the area it is located in would receive limited or no improved coverage. The primary benefit seems to be for passing trains, which makes the siting unjustifiable in terms of local community need.

3. Noise and Disturbance

Installing a large mast and associated infrastructure will likely lead to increased noise levels, both during construction and from the ongoing operation of equipment such as cooling fans or generators. This is especially concerning given the close proximity to a children's play park, where families should feel safe and at ease.

4. Impact on Environment and Trees

The proposed development site may result in the loss of important trees or green space that currently supports local wildlife. Large masts also introduce risk to birds and insect populations due to electromagnetic interference. The environmental cost of construction and maintenance has not been clearly justified.

5. Poor Design Quality

The design lacks sensitivity to the surrounding area and fails to blend in with the local environment. It does not reflect the character or identity of the neighbourhood and appears more suited to a commercial or industrial setting, not a residential or recreational one.

In conclusion, this proposal brings unnecessary harm to the area with very limited, if any, benefit to the local community. I urge the Council to reject this application and seek less intrusive alternatives for network improvement that better balance technological progress with the wellbeing of residents.

Regards,

Lisa Brennan

Kind regards