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Subject: Re: Objection to Planning Application DM/25/1495 for Proposed 22.5m Mast Installation near Rocky Lane

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Dear Mr Evans

I am writing to formally object to the proposed erection of a 22.5-metre telecommunications mast in close proximity to my home, our development and the local school. As a resident and a grandparent, I have serious concerns regarding the impact this development would have on our community.

1. Proximity to Residential and Educational Areas

The mast's location - in close proximity to a primary school and numerous family homes - raises serious long term health risk concerns.

Cellnex's "*Declaration of Conformity to RF Public Exposure Guidelines*" states: the installation is, quote, "*designed to be in full compliance with the requirements of the radio frequency (RF) of the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP)*". However, scientific consensus on the health risks remains uncertain. This is highlighted in a more recent publication of the ICNIRP, published earlier this year (2025) and titled "*Gaps in Knowledge Relevant to the ICNIRP Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying Electric, Magnetic and Electromagnetic Fields (100 kHz TO 300 GHz)*". This document highlights some of the knowledge gaps identified in the preparation of the 2020 Guidelines referred to by Cellnex and encourages further research to fill these gaps with a view to producing revised exposure guidelines.

This serves to highlight the remaining uncertainty regarding the long term health impacts and sheds some light on why other European countries have a more precautionary approach to public exposure limits to RF (see report by the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, RIVM, The Netherlands www.rivm.nl/en January 2018). This especially when the installation is near to vulnerable populations like children and the elderly.

2. Visual and Environmental Impact

The proposed mast would be clearly visible from my and many of the other newly built homes in the area, which currently enjoy uninterrupted views of the South Downs. The structure would be entirely out of keeping with the rural character of our developments and would significantly detract from the natural beauty of the surrounding landscape. Furthermore, the potential disruption to local wildlife and green space, especially during the construction phase, is deeply concerning.

3. Impact on Property Values

The presence of such a prominent industrial structure in a residential area is likely to have a negative effect on local property values. Many residents, including myself, have invested in homes here because of the peaceful setting and scenic views - both of which would be compromised by this development.

4. Lack of Community Consultation

Like others in our development, to my knowledge, there has been insufficient engagement with local residents regarding this proposal. Given the scale and sensitivity of this development, I believe a more transparent and inclusive consultation process is essential.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the planning committee to reject this application. I trust that the council will prioritise the wellbeing of its residents and the preservation of our local environment.

Yours faithfully,

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