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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 06/07/2025 10:27 PM.

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 Buckeridge Way Haywards Heath West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Dear Case Office, I am writing to formally object to the planning application for the proposed installation of a 4G/5G telecommunications mast and associated equipment near our residential area. This proposal raises a number of serious concerns across several key areas, which I outline below.

1. Lack of Proper Consultation and Community Involvement

There has been no meaningful consultation with local residents. Many of us were unaware of the application until very recently. Has a survey been conducted to determine whether the community supports this installation? The views of local people-those most affected-have not been sought, while the opinions of telecom companies, who have no presence in the area, appear to have been prioritised.

Local residents should have the right to influence decisions that affect their day to day living, needs and the character and amenity of their neighbourhood-not external corporations.

2. Visual and Environmental Impact

The proposed mast, including its height and multiple cabinets, would introduce a visually intrusive and incongruous structure into a residential setting. It would dominate the streetscape, disrupt the character of the area, and contribute to visual clutter.

There are also concerns about:

- Damage to green spaces and tree root systems during installation.
- Heat generation from the equipment, which could contribute to urban heat in the context of the climate emergency.
- Noise pollution from cooling fans and electrical equipment.
- Obstruction of pavements and public spaces, especially in an area of high footfall near shops, a library, a health centre, and playgrounds.

Has an arboricultural or wider environmental impact assessment been conducted? What evidence is there that this installation aligns with the Council's sustainability and climate goals?

3. Health and Safety Concerns

Even if the mast complies with current safety standards, many residents remain deeply concerned about the long-term health effects of EMF radiation, particularly from 5G technology. These concerns are not unfounded-scientific debate continues, and some countries (e.g. France) have taken precautionary measures, such as banning Wi-Fi in primary schools.

Children, the elderly, and vulnerable individuals may be especially sensitive. The mast's proximity to homes, parks, and schools raises serious questions like " Why are children considered vulnerable in schools but not in their homes or local parks?" & What long-term studies have been conducted to ensure safety? The Council cannot simply dismiss these concerns. The stress and anxiety caused by perceived health risks are real and must be taken seriously.

4. Impact on Property Values and Community Wellbeing

The presence of a large telecommunications mast so close to residential properties is likely to negatively affect property values and deter potential buyers. This reflects a broader public sentiment: people do not want these structures near their homes.

This installation would undermine the sense of safety and wellbeing in our community.

5. Questionable Necessity and Lack of Justification

There is no clear evidence that this mast is necessary. Most residents already experience good mobile and internet coverage. Has a connectivity survey been conducted to demonstrate a genuine need? If the mast is not essential, then its installation cannot be justified-especially given the significant concerns outlined above.

6. Governance and Decision-Making Transparency

Planning for telecommunications infrastructure is complex and requires specialist knowledge. What training have Council staff and decision-makers received to assess such applications? Are there qualified experts involved in evaluating the health, environmental, and technical implications?

In summary, this proposal lacks proper consultation and community support. It will cause visual, environmental, and social harm and raises unresolved health and safety concerns. Finally it is not clearly justified or necessary.

I respectfully urge the Council to reject this planning application in the interest of public health, environmental protection, and community wellbeing.

Kind regards