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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 Schedule 2, Part 16

Application No: AL/96/21/TEL
Site Address: Corner Westergate Street and Meadow Way Aldingbourne PO20 3QT
Description of works: Prior notification under Schedule 2, Part 16, Class A for H3G phase 8 15 m high street pole c/w wrap around cabinet & 3 further additional equipment cabinets.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 13th September 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC40324

As a visitor to this area I have a number of concerns regarding this application. There are a number of anomalies associated with it. Firstly it is advertised as a pole 1.5m high when in fact it is 15m high. Secondly the 'decision by' date is 14 September but the 'comment by' date is 15 September, a day later. Thirdly the 5G Site Specific Information says that this is an 'urban setting' when in fact it is a sleepy village, showing the scant regard for the truth by Telecoms companies.

The appearance of the monopole will affect the visual amenity of the area for local residents (being very close to houses) and will seriously detract from the visual character of the area.

Of great concern is that the location of the mast is close to a primary school and no 'exclusion zone' for electromagnetic radiation is marked on the plan.

The Government claims that "the planning system is not the place for determining health safeguards" and that if the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) guidelines are met the Local Planning Authority should not have to consider further the health aspects and concerns about them". However this is in conflict with paragraph 185 of the NPPF: 'Planning policies and decisions should also ensure that new development is appropriate for its location taking into account the likely effects (including cumulative effects) of pollution on health, living conditions and the natural environment, as well as the potential sensitivity of the site or the wider area to impacts that could arise from the development'

NPPF is just guidance and advice according to Lord Gill, who said in the Supreme Court judgment in *Suffolk Coastal District Council v Hopkins Homes Ltd et.al*:

"the guidance given by the Framework (the NPPF) is not to be interpreted as if it were a statute"

A recent ruling in the United States Court of Appeals sets a precedent for the UK so that it will be difficult for the Government and Local Planning Authorities to use ICNIRP guidelines to dismiss concerns around health issues. In Environmental Health Trust et al vs Federal Communications Commission the court held that 'the Commission failed to provide a reasoned explanation for its determination that its guidelines adequately protect against the harmful effects of exposure to radiofrequency radiation unrelated to cancer'.

The FCC guidelines are more stringent than those of ICNIRP which has never given a satisfactory explanation as to how its guidelines protect against the harmful effects of exposure to radiofrequency radiation. If the Council doesn't start taking health and environmental concerns seriously it could inadvertently cause harm and lay itself open to claims from the public.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments including your name and address on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/what-happens-next>.

Some applications will be determined by the Planning Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-application-search>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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