

I am writing to you as a frequent visitor to Horsham to formally register my objection to these planning applications for the installation of BT Street Hubs. My concern is based on the legal and financial liability the Council assumes by ignoring emerging safety data, the uninsurable status of RF radiation, and the explicit exclusion of vulnerable groups from current safety guidelines.

1. The Industry's Own Admission of Harm (Swisscom Patent)

The Council must be made aware that the telecommunications industry has internally acknowledged the biological risks of this technology. In their own patent filing (WIPO Patent No. WO 2004/075582 A1), the provider Swisscom stated in 2004 : "It has been possible to show that mobile radio radiation can cause damage to genetic material, in particular in human white blood cells, whereby both the DNA itself is damaged and the number of chromosomes changed. This damage can lead to increased cancer risk."

2. Exclusion of Vulnerable Groups and the Equality Act

The Applicant relies on an ICNIRP Certificate for "safety," yet ICNIRP 2020 guidelines explicitly state (p. 3) that they do not account for individuals with medical implants.

By installing a permanent radiation field that specifically impacts those with medical hardware, the Council risks massive, costly and unnecessary litigation under the Equality Act, ultimately paid for by the taxpayer.

This is also a risk to all shops and staff in the area.

Appendix: List of Excluded Medical Devices and Metallic Implants

Active Implantable Medical Devices (AIMD): Cardiac Pacemakers and Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICDs). Implanted Neurostimulators (e.g., for pain management or Parkinson's).

Cochlear Implants and middle ear implants.

Infusion Pumps (e.g., insulin or baclofen pumps). Programmable Hydrocephalus Shunts. Passive Metallic Implants: Orthopaedic Implants: Metal pins, plates, rods, screws, and total joint replacements (hips, knees, shoulders). Cardiovascular Implants: Stents (cardiac, urinary, gynaecological), heart valves, and annuloplasty rings. Contraceptive Devices: Copper IUDs (coils). Filsch clips.

Surgical Mesh: Metallic or metal-containing mesh used in hernia or pelvic organ prolapse repairs.

Dental and Other Implants:

Dental Hardware: Braces, dental implants, metal crowns, pins, and bridges.

Body Piercings: Any permanent or semi-permanent metallic jewellery.

Councillors, do you have anyone in your immediate family who is in this list?
More importantly, anyone NOT on this list?

3. Scientific Evidence and the "Uninsurable Risk"

The National Toxicology Program (NTP) has provided "Clear Evidence" of carcinogenic effects at levels far below heating thresholds. Consequently, major insurers like Lloyd's of London have issued EMF Exclusions, refusing to cover health claims. Without specific insurance, the financial burden of future litigation will fall

directly on the Council.

4. The Precautionary Principle and Duty of Care

The health of people is paramount. A permanent radiation field is not wanted in Horsham Town Centre. This will be a massive pay day for the lawyers and claims under the Equality Act. Please look outside the Industry's "safe and effective" mantra and look at the extensive evidence of harm, even admitted by the industry themselves. This is dangerous and not wanted here.

Formal Request for Information:

Before this application is decided, I request written answers to:

Has the Council reviewed the Swisscom Patent and the 2018 NTP study?

Does the Council's Public Liability Insurance specifically include or exclude EMF health claims?

Will the Council require a Letter of Indemnity from the applicant to protect the Council against future health and Equality Act litigation?

As a regular visitor [REDACTED], why do you believe you can create a "no-go" Zone for me and most of your residents in a town centre?

Do you believe the major retailers will let this pass?

You are directly impacting the footfall and bottom line of these businesses, and placing legal constraints on their businesses to protect their staff from toxic emissions.

You are opening the Council and the taxpayer up to multiple claims under the Equality Act.

Not wanted, not needed, a proven health hazard by thousands of INDEPENDENT peer reviewed research.

Public awareness and emerging legal cases will not be favourable to anyone relying upon an ICNIRP Certificate as documented by both Wera Hophouse MP and former solicitors to HSE.

This is a scandalous failure of your public duties, and not exactly a vote winner.

Reject these applications.

You need to become informed.