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For the attention of Sam Nye

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Your reference: DC/26/0342

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Dear Sam Nye,

DC/26/0342 | Proposed 20m high Valmont Phase 7.2 streetworks pole with wraparound cabinet new root foundation. Installation of 3no. antennas and 6no. apertures Installation of 2no. Ø300mm dishes Installation of 2no. GPS nodes on top of streetworks pole Installation of 5no. cabinets on new concrete foundation The installation of ancillary equipment for the purposes of telecommunications development.

Location: North Heath Lane / Coltsfoot Drive Horsham West Sussex RH12 5FH

Further to my letter dated 10 March 2026 I am writing to object to the above on the following additional points:

1. Establishment of Need – 5G Not Required

Areas of North Horsham experience poor mobile signal and I appreciate people's frustration with this situation. Two respondents mistakenly believe that 5G is the only answer and have therefore supported this proposed mast. Poor mobile service is not solved by 5G.

Often the fix is simply upgrading equipment to add newer radios, additional frequency bands and/or improved antennae. Modern 4G LTE can deliver perfectly acceptable speeds with good voice and video performance. Other countries expanded connectivity by upgrading towers to 4G instead of building dense 5G networks. 5G is most useful for very dense urban areas (unlike North Horsham), sports stadiums and large events. Signal strength does not depend on the generation number.

The application makes no assurance or binding commitment that the proposal will automatically improve mobile signal in this areas for all users that require it.

2. Coverage Questions

No specification of equipment has been provided so it's impossible to determine the potential coverage area that the proposed 5G mast is intended to provide a service for or what purposes.

A resident at [REDACTED] Honeywood Road, Horsham submitted a comment in support of the proposed mast in the mistaken belief that this will improve their local mobile signal and provide reliability for the purpose of making work calls from their home. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This calls into question the benefits for the proposed mast and existing masts in Horsham. Are the benefits to the public overstated and are operators actually providing a good level of service? Too many assumptions are being made.

3. Reliable Broadband Service in Horsham

The resident at [REDACTED] Honeywood Road seems to be unaware that mobile calls can be made over a home WiFi/Broadband network and this is easy to set up. Around 96–98 % of premises in Horsham can access superfast broadband (≥ 30 Mbps), which is considered reliable for most home and work needs so it is surprising that this resident mentioned fluctuating broadband. They need to either contact their service provider to repair this, move closer to their WiFi hub, install a WiFi extender, set-up ethernet connection or a number of other remedies. This does not necessitate a 20m high 5G mast towering over other people's private properties in the mistaken belief it will remedy an individual's home set-up some distance from the site.

4. Sustainability Issues

Promoting 5G encourages consumers to buy new handsets and creates a new market where it wasn't needed. People believe older devices are obsolete but they would be perfectly usable on a 4G network. This creates considerable sustainability issues with people discarding usable phones simply to switch to 5G compliant handsets.

There is no plan submitted for the lifecycle of the proposed mast and equipment to assess its level of sustainability which appears to be very poor. What becomes of this infrastructure when it becomes wholly or partly obsolete?

Thank you for reading.

Kind Regards,

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cc

Councillor Nick Grant [REDACTED]

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