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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/24/0825
Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 19/07/2024 7:00 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	High Street Steyning West Sussex
Proposal:	Erection of 3 no free standing 6m high columns with 5 no WiFi Wireless Access Points.
Case Officer:	Bethan Tinning

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Customer Details

Address:	109 Lyndhurst Road Worthing

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	The application site is located within the Steyning Conservation Area within which is a high concentration (over 100) nationally listed building. Of the two columns on the High Street, one is directly outside a Grade 1 listed building. The other is outside a building whose neighbour is

Grade 1 listed.
The columns, being of a utilitarian nature will degrade the visual amenity of the street. They are totally incongruous and unsympathetic in such a beautiful historical setting. This is Contrary to NPPF (2023) paras 128 & 131 which aim for well-designed, beautiful places, sympathetic to its history and character, and engagement with community representation.
The applicant suggests that these "will not be readily noticed by users of the High Street". Siting them outside listed buildings is unlikely to achieve this. They will be highly visible and not in keeping with their background.
Just because there is street furniture currently in place, there is no excuse to add yet more clutter. And if this is deemed "successful", where does that stop? There will be a slow creep of yet more and more ....
Overall, they will be harmful to the character and appearance of the Conservation area.
Any form of telecoms installations can be unnerving and cause many people anxiety and stress. The impact of this proposal on the health and well-being of locals and visitors is a material planning consideration, which includes the fear and anxiety of harm.
The application quotes a benefit as "attracting new and returning customers, as well as enhancing visitors' experiences". If this proposal goes ahead, this will put off many people from visiting this beautiful town and have quite the opposite effect.
Health
It is unclear whether this will be 4G or 5G. Within these columns will be antennae. Is this small cell technology (ie mm wave technology)?. Importantly, the public have the right to know and understand what is being brought into their neighbourhood.
Bottomline is that there will be YET more EM radiation emitting in places where people live, work and shop.
For a mast application there are Exclusion Zones (although rarely published) which are calculated to provide some protection / safety checks for the general public. These columns have no such thing. This means that members of the general public could stand right next to one of these for a long period of time (indeed they are being positively encouraged to do so!!!), where there is no guaranteed safety. Likewise, mast applications are accompanied by an ICNIRP certificate to guarantee safety of the installation. These is no ICNIRP certificate with this application, so how do we know that these will be operated within safe levels of radiation?
Adding such technology on our high streets will make life even more unbearable for those who suffer with

EHS. There will be fewer places which they can visit and enjoy.
How will the Council abide by the Equalities
Act of 2010 that aims to prevent discrimination.

Kind regards