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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 11:17 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:	Pear Tree Cottage Mouse Lane Steyning

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Other - Overdevelopment
Comments:	I object to this proposal on the following grounds: 1. Detrimental to Steyning's Historic High Street - these masts are not in keeping with the many listed buildings and valued heritage appearance of the high street. Every time more 'street furniture' is added it keeps chipping away at the historic aesthetic of the high street and there is a cumulative effect, which in this case appears unsuitable and unnecessary.

2. Economically Unnecessary - the stated purpose of erecting these masts "to ensure that outside spaces are effective places for economic activities" is irrelevant for Steyning where we have been holding many highly successful outdoor street events quite happily for years, including a very busy monthly farmer's market. These events are already thriving without public wifi.

3. Health and Safety - I know of people in Steyning who are electro-sensitive and who will not be able to walk down the high street if there are 6 foot high masks on the pavements emitting a strong wifi signal. Not to mention the health effect on pedestrians and residents who live next to the proposed sites. Public wifi systems also present increased cyber security risks for hackers and all this increased risk seems completely unnecessary.

4. No Public Consultation and Wrong Place for 'Pilot' scheme - selecting Steyning's Conservation Area and historic high street, with one of the highest concentrations of listed buildings in the County, for running a pilot scheme such as this, with no public consultation is unacceptable. It is a highly unsuitable location for such a scheme.

Kind regards