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**Subject:** Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0182  
**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 05/03/2026 8:42 AM.

### Application Summary

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| Address:      | Land at 516832 130750 Bishopric Horsham West Sussex                                                     |
| Proposal:     | Installation of 1No. BT Street Hub Unit and associated advertisement panels on either side of the unit. |
| Case Officer: | Sam Nye                                                                                                 |

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### Customer Details

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### Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Member of the Public                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Stance:              | Customer objects to the Planning Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Reasons for comment: | - Other                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Comments:            | <p>I am writing to you as a frequent visitor to Horsham to formally register my objection to this planning application for the installation of a BT Street Hub. 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.</p> <p>1. The Industry's Own Admission of Harm (Swisscom Patent)<br/>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</p> |

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 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). Filschle 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?

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

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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 with a pacemaker, 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.

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

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Kind regards

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