

Dear Sirs & Madams, Planning Officers & Councillors,

I, [REDACTED]

Of 74 Kempshott Road, Horsham

Postcode: RH12 2EY.....

on 1 March 2026.....formally **OBJECT** to the following 2 street hubs:

DC/26/0119 and DC/26/0120 Installation of 1No. BT Street Hub Unit and associated advertisement panels on either side of the unit. Land at 516852 130723 Freshwater Parade Bishopric Horsham West Sussex

DC/26/0182 and DC/26/183 Installation of 1No. BT Street Hub Unit and associated advertisement panels on either side of the unit. Land at 516832 130750 Bishopric Horsham West Sussex

Objection

Siting

The Bishopric is the main way I drive into Horsham to park and shop. As a driver I need to have my wits about me driving along the Bishopric particularly at certain times of day when it can be very busy with a lot going on – cars driving along the main road, parking or leaving parking, joining the traffic from residential and business properties either side of the road. There are buses, pedestrians including children and prams, the elderly, dogs, cycles and I can assure you not everyone is crossing the road safely. The last thing I need is a large brightly coloured, ever changing advertising screen vying for my attention and blocking my view! On the pavement it seems as though it would also impede the flow and visibility of pedestrians putting people in danger.

Appearance

The proposed street hub would create a cluttered street scene which already has a necessary bus stop, litter bins, benches and shops, some with brightly coloured signage. It would create an urban feel to Horsham which is a market town with listed buildings.

Do we really need such huge, illuminated advertising on the pavement and pedestrian walkways? This is an unnecessary assault on the senses to everyone, and which could adversely affect some sectors of society with disabilities and sensitivities eg autism and epilepsy. I fail to see the positive contribution these 'street hubs' would have.

Need

These days most people have their own mobile phones and there is free Wifi in the nearby Library and Swan Walk. The street hubs may offer free Wifi 'after hours' however I read there are concerns about the possibility of the hubs attracting anti-social behaviour? It is also not a private or quiet place for people wishing to use the free calls service.

At a time when the adverse effects of social media and SMART phones on children and young adults are in the spotlight with campaigns and parliamentary speeches, what is the sense in increasing the availability in the town centre with what appears to be unnecessary installations?

RFR and EMF (Radio Frequency Radiation and Electromagnetic Frequency) levels, Health & Safety

The Street Hubs will bring ultrafast Wi-Fi, 4G/5G antennas and small cell technology (ie using millimetre wave technology) to the middle of our streets. There are roof top 4G and 5G antennae on the Travel Lodge, 1 Worthing Road, very close to the proposed site which are regularly upgraded DC/25/1050, DC/24/1729, DC/24/0877 being the most recent. This means that 4G and 5G signal is already available in this area so the need to have small cells radiating additional 4G and 5G at street level seems superfluous.

The ICNIRP Declaration of Conformity included as part of the application mentions safety regarding biological effects of EMR however this is incorrect as ICNIRP only acknowledge and 'protect' against thermal or heating effects. Biological effects have unfortunately been shown, by thousands of studies, to occur well below the threshold set by ICNIRP. The document also says it conforms to the precautionary approach outlined by the Stewart report. There is no evidence of the precautionary approach being applied to these installations. The precautionary approach would be to halt all street hubs until the necessary

research advised by the Stewart Report is undertaken – extract from the report **“we recommend that a precautionary approach to the use of mobile phone technologies be adopted until much more detailed and scientifically robust information on any health effects becomes available”**.

All ICNIRP certificates specifically exclude people with any metal implants eg

- Surgical metal pins, plates, rods, discs, screws for joint replacement of knees and hips.
- Also cardiovascular implants – implantable heart loop recorders, stents and pacemakers.
- Magnetic cerebral spinal fluid shunts.
- Cochlear implants for hearing loss.
- Dental work – braces, implants, metal crowns, pins, denture arches, mercury amalgam fillings.

There are very few of us that do not have some metal in our bodies.

What measures are in place to protect these people, and those with EHS (Electro Hypersensitivity) - see later.

I read that the applicant assures that the hubs will be cleaned every 2 weeks. I would like to see an assurance that testing of radiation emissions and compliance with ICNIRP guidelines and exclusion zones is tested that often or at all. I have a FOI response to my enquiry about testing levels of EMR from mobile phone masts in the district. It was confirmed there are absolutely NO TESTS carried out by any official body upon installation, or throughout the life of the mast and it's antennae. This is a truly appalling situation – what other industry conducts its business with such little scrutiny and testing?

In addition, please note that the ICNIRP declaration is submitted by a company 'BT Wholesale' which does not exist and the signatory's name is misspelt which invalidates the certificate on both accounts.

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[REDACTED] I already need to wear special protective clothing to be able to shop in my local town of Horsham where I have lived for nearly 30 years. I have only started experiencing symptoms and needed to take precautions in recent years since the proliferation of wireless technology using radio/microwave frequency radiation. I need to limit my time shopping to keep symptoms from becoming severe. This is an appalling situation and contravenes the Equalities Act. Please see the information including scientific research on Electro Hypersensitivity at the following website: <https://www.es-uk.info/> If either of the Street hubs are approved it will bring harmful Electromagnetic Radiation deeper into our communities where people live, work and spend their leisure time, and I and other [REDACTED], will very likely need to avoid this area of town all together.

Thank you for reading my submission.

I urge you to refuse this application.