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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0342
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 16/03/2026 7:41 PM.

Application Summary

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

Proposal: 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

Case Officer: Sam Nye

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Customer Details

Address: 15 Holbrook School Lane Horsham

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

Comments: Excessive Scale and Massing
At 20 meters in height, the proposed monopole is significantly

taller than the surrounding street furniture and residential properties. The existing lamp columns on North Heath Lane are approximately 8-10m tall; a 20m structure would be double the height of the established skyline, creating a jarring industrial feature in a predominantly residential setting.

2. Visual Amenity and "Street Clutter"

The Phase 7.2 model features a significantly wide 710mm shroud at the top. This "top-heavy" design, combined with the installation of five large equipment cabinets at ground level, represents a substantial increase in "street clutter." This would negatively impact the visual amenity of the North Heath Lane and Coltsfoot Drive junction, which serves as a gateway to a residential estate.

3. Incongruous Design

While the applicant describes the mast as a "streetworks pole," its sheer girth and height mean it cannot be considered "assimilated" into the existing environment. It does not mimic the slender profile of existing utility poles and will stand out as an alien feature that is out of character with the suburban nature of Horsham West.

4. Potential Pedestrian Obstruction

The placement of five large cabinets on the verge/pavement at this specific junction may restrict visibility for motorists turning out of Coltsfoot Drive and could impede the flow of pedestrians, particularly those with pushchairs or mobility aids, navigating the corner.

Conclusion

While I recognize the importance of digital connectivity, the applicant has not demonstrated that less intrusive sites or "mast-sharing" options have been fully exhausted. The proposed height and bulk of this specific Valmont model are inappropriate for this specific residential corner. I urge the council to refuse prior approval on the grounds of detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the area.

Kind regards

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