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(Subject: OBJECTION AWDM/1596/25

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I would like to register my objection to the proposed 5G mast near to Durrington Tesco.

The proposed mast and associated cabinets, etc. by virtue of their siting and appearance, would be significantly dominant and prominent within the street scene and would introduce a large and incongruous feature within the existing green space that would have a detrimental impact upon the character and appearance of the surrounding area. The proposed development is contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework.

The site is in a predominantly residential area in close proximity to homes, schools and businesses - which is contrary to the clear objective behind the guidance in the NPPF to minimise potential visual impact through sensitive siting and sympathetic or camouflaged design solutions.

The mast will have an imposing and overbearing impact on the amenity of the nearby area causing local residents unnecessary upset and anxiety, impacting the quality of the local area.

POLICY DM5 of the Worthing Local Plan requires all new development as follows:
DM5 - QUALITY OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT:

All new builds should enhance the local environment by way of its appearance and character, with particular attention being paid to the architectural form, height, materials, density, scale, orientation, landscaping, tree canopy, impact on street scene and layout of the development;

ii) make a positive contribution to the sense of place, local character and distinctiveness of an area;

POLICY DM6 - PUBLIC REALM

5.73 The public realm is the space around, between and within buildings that is publicly accessible, including streets, squares, parks, open spaces and pedestrian and cycle routes. These spaces are dynamic elements that have a distinct and unique identity, whether they are spaces to move through or spaces to gather in. The quality and design of the public realm has a significant influence on quality of life because it affects people's sense of place, security and belonging, as well as having an influence on a range of health and social factors

THIS PROPOSAL WILL NOT ENHANCE THE CHARACTER AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE APPEARANCE OF THE LOCAL LANDSCAPE AND TOWNSCAPE.

Furthermore:-

5G uses much higher frequency radio waves than in the past and it makes use of very new (and relatively unevaluated, in terms of safety) supportive technology to enable this higher data transmission capacity, points out Professor Frank.

<https://www.bmj.com/company/newsroom/stop-global-roll-out-of-5g-networks-until-safety-is-confirmed-urges-expert>

The proposed installation would be:

TOO CLOSE to the local community centre, residences, schools and businesses, within 500m of the proposed site, which will be subjected to high levels of radiation beaming from this mast throughout the day and night. The impact of this proposal on the *health (including mental health) and well-being of residents must be taken into account, and is a material planning consideration.

TOO CLOSE TO residences on Romany Rd, immediately opposite the proposed site, the closest dwellings being - 32.67 m

TOO CLOSE TO 'sensitive receptors' at Durrington community centre - 32.96 m - which serves a demographic of vulnerable young children and the elderly, daily.

TOO CLOSE TO residences (flats) at Columbia House , the closest being - 72.24 m

TOO CLOSE TO 'sensitive receptors' at Hawthorns Nursery School - 296.95 m; Hawthorns Primary School - 307.41 m; The Laurels Primary School - 429.08 m; - See: Limiting liability with positioning to minimise negative health effects of cellular phone towers by Prof. Joshua Pearce.

TOO CLOSE TO Tesco petrol station, where employees will be subjected to 5G frequency emissions throughout their work day - 102.00 m

NOTE TO COUNCIL: Castle Point council in Essex has recognised the potential health effects of masts to vulnerable persons and the importance of exclusion zones in its proposed Local Plan policies. SEE page 154/155

here: https://consultation.castlepoint.gov.uk/planning/the-castle-point-plan-pre-submission-regulation-19/user_uploads/castle-point-plan---regulation-19-draft---consultation-version---july-2025.pdf

With best regards

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