

Comment for planning application 21/03350/TEL

Application Number	21/03350/TEL
Location	Street Record Station Road Kirtlington
Proposal	Proposed 5G Telecommunications Installation
Case Officer	John Cosgrove
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Address	2 Troy Lane, Kirtlington, OX5 3HA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour

Comments

I strongly object to this planning notice, this will severely visually impact all residents and visitors of Kirtlington village and impact its deep rooted historical links and image which has been so carefully preserved over the decades. The proposal to locate a 15 meter 5G telephone mast in this specific location is absurd. This very specific plot of land is identified as a conservation area and is a main focal point of the village that the majority of all visitors will pass whether they are passing through the village or staying in the village, including tourists and visitors from all over the world who stay in the village and nearby. Placing a mast such as this in this location would ruin the conservation area and open landscape and severely detract from the village and the thousands of people who pass through on what is currently a very attractive entry into the village and an exit for those travelling the opposite way. Placing such a obtrusive mast in this location would also be distracting to drivers on what is already a busy dangerous bend in the road, leading to an increased risk of incidents on the road. This location will affect thousands and not just residents within the village. As this specific area of land within the village is identified as a conservation area it is recognised as an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character of which is considered worthy of preservation or enhancement, by placing a mast in this location this would completely go against everything that makes it a conservation area and actively work against preserving its historic character. Masts of this size should be located in less central areas, certainly not in a conservation area, and provide minimal impact, this is absolutely not the case for this proposal. There are multiple other less conspicuous and more logical areas to locate this even if this mast remain in the village which would not be so significantly impactful on the majority of villagers and visitors. This conservation area location could not be more obvious and create more of an eyesore, it would absolutely ruin the countryside aesthetics that Kirtlington is renowned for. CK Hutchison Networks state that they work to keep the location of these masts as unobtrusive as possible, the location they are applying for is extremely obtrusive and will create significant anger, disappointment, concern and upset within not only Kirtlington but the wider community. Whilst the majority of individuals are supportive of 5G and understand that these masts must go somewhere the proposed location here does not appear to have been thought through and consideration has not been given to the extremely negative impact that the destruction of a conservation area at this specific location would cause, it could not be a more central and obvious point, this goes against everything that the CK Hutchison Networks say that they work to avoid. If this proposal is approved this will create extreme concern in Kirtlington and further afield and open up significant issues around the consultation process and relationship between citizens and these corporations, we must work together to find suitable locations and alternatives and avoid networks having untampered opportunity to locate these masts at the significant detriment and expense of conservation areas and the sentiment of the general public. If this proposal is passed there will have been a significant failing and will open the rest of the UK up to having to live with the risk of areas of historic beauty and heritage being severely at risk of depletion and obstruction. There are many more open areas that the mast could be located that would significantly reduce the risks and concern associated with this specific very central village location. For instance there is ample farmland nearby and a golf club within the vicinity which would be able to absorb a structure of this size, including the added noise pollution that it will create, that would be more suitable than right in the middle of village residents. As well as all the above concerns there is also the unknown impact on health and wellbeing of these masts, not only on the residents living in its shadow but also the wildlife in the vicinity. Kirtlington is well known and has been nationally recognised for the wildlife it has in the village and the efforts to preserve this wildlife as much as it can, whether this is through the local bird population or hedgehogs (the work done around encouraging the Kirtlington hedgehog population was recently highlighted by the BBC

including a segment on the One Show). The unknown health effects of these masts could be incredibly detrimental to the wildlife population of Kirtlington which in turn would be incredibly distressing to residents of the village and the wider community who work so hard to preserve this in the conservations areas. I am also concerned about the devaluing of property for the properties that will be in the shadow of this mast. The mast will be surrounded on all sides by properties and seen through the windows directly of multiple properties and ruin views. This will certainly put buyers off, and will most definitely de-value properties. Given the size of this mast the erection of this would be incredibly intrusive, extremely distressing to the majority of residents of the village and have a negative impact on the surroundings' which is not outweighed by the need for the installation at this specific site.

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