

Comment for planning application 21/03350/TEL

Application Number	<input type="text" value="21/03350/TEL"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Street Record Station Road Kirtlington"/>
Proposal	<input type="text" value="Proposed 5G Telecommunications Installation"/>
Case Officer	<input type="text" value="John Cosgrove"/>
Organisation Name	<input type="text" value="Gavin & Joanna Jones"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="Rose Mount, Station Road, Kirtlington, Kidlington, OX5 3HE"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<p>We are writing to object to planning application number 21/03350/TEL. Firstly, the proposed site for the mast is within the conservation area in the village. A conservation area is "an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance". A 15m mast (and additional cabinets) is definitely not going to preserve or enhance the appearance of the village. The proposal is to site the mast against a recently renovated stone wall (not a brick wall as shown in the illustration) and the implication is that it will merge into the background. As there is nothing nearly as tall as the proposed mast already at the site, I think this is highly unlikely. There are trees nearby, but the proposed site appears to be between the trees so the mast will be clearly visible to anyone in the immediate vicinity and in the surrounding areas. Even at ground level it will be conspicuous as there is no street furniture to speak of in the area. Secondly, there are on-going concerns regarding the safety of 5G technology. In 2011, the World Health Organization stated that radio-frequency radiation is "possibly carcinogenic to humans". So far, this does not appear to have been proven to be unfounded, indeed in January of this year, an article appeared in the British Medical Journal arguing that 5G rollout should be halted until more research has been conducted in to safety. Given that there are ten years between the two, it would appear that 5G safety has not yet been conclusively proved. The proposed site of the mast is extremely close to a number of houses. Surely, until their safety has been proven, these masts should not be sited near houses. I understand that 5G masts can be sited several kilometres apart in rural areas so I feel it would be more appropriate to site them between villages rather than within them. Thirdly, this application does appear to have been pushed very much under the radar. We live within the immediate vicinity of the proposed site, and have not been officially informed of the application either by letter or even by a public notice. This is not standard procedure in a planning application. We found out about it through word of mouth, and it appears that many other villagers have had a similar experience. It would seem that the hope was that the application would be approved before anyone in the village was really aware of it. In conclusion, we strongly object to this planning application.</p>
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