

Comment for planning application 23/00750/TEL56

Application Number	23/00750/TEL56
Location	Street Record Station Road Kirtlington
Proposal	Proposed telecommunications installation: Proposed 15.0m Phase 9 slimline Monopole and associated ancillary works
Case Officer	Gemma Magnuson
Organisation Name	Celia Hawkesworth
Address	Woodbine Cottage, Troy Lane, Kirtlington, Kidlington, OX5 3HA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>The 15m (near 50ft) mast and associated apparatus would be "visually intrusive" and "incongruous" in a prominent position on the Oxford Road (A4095)/Bletchington Road. It would entirely fail to conserve the landscape qualities of the conservation area. A Conservation Area is an area of special architectural or historic interest, so designated in order to preserve or enhance its character or appearance. The application states: "The equipment is adjacent to tall vertical columns (telegraph pole), with additional tall vertical columns across the further pavements. There are high reaching mature trees dispersed around the surrounding area, where the combined street furniture allows the monopole to more easily blend into the street scene." Any inspection of the site demonstrates that this above statement is misleading. The proposed mast dwarfs the existing street furniture in the vicinity which consists of: a wooden telegraph pole; an attractive signpost dating back to the 1930s; a traditional road nameplate; a give-way sign; a low profile wooden traffic calming box filled with plants. There is no relevant existing 'street furniture' for the mast to integrate with. Furthermore, the mast will not blend in with trees in the vicinity. The artist's impression is misleading in this respect. The fig.2 photograph supplied in the application itself makes this clear. Further the proposed elevation drawing shows a 'brick wall' as backgrounding the apparatus cabinets - this is inaccurate and misleading: it is in fact an ancient Cotswold dry stone wall against which these cabinets would sit incongruously. The application further states: "The proposed works are not to the visual detriment of the surrounding area (being suitably distant from sensitive receptors). The proposal would not result in demonstrable harm to the character of the immediate or wider area." This is demonstrably not true in that there are in excess of 30 houses and gardens within the conservation area and elsewhere in direct line of the proposed mast. The siting of this mast is entirely inappropriate, directly in front of attractive houses on entry to the village meaning it would be a constant eyesore, to anyone entering or leaving the village. In addition, it would be seen for miles around in the open countryside meaning it would have an intrusive and negative impact on the nearby residences, village as a whole and open countryside surroundings. In addition, there is no photograph to show the actual look of the mast so that the application does not show the true impact of how intrusive this structure will be to the whole village. We wish to object most strongly to this application.</p>
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