

## The Planning Inspectorate

### COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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**Appeal Reference: APP/C3105/W/17/3174363**

#### DETAILS OF THE CASE

Appeal Reference

Appeal By

Site Address

#### SENDER DETAILS

Name

Address

#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- Appellant
- Agent
- Interested Party / Person
- Land Owner
- Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- Final Comments
- Proof of Evidence
- Statement
- Statement of Common Ground
- Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- Other

## **YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

I write to support the appellant. I am Chair of Sibford Ferris Parish Council, but I write in a personal capacity.

There is no doubt that mobile phone coverage in the Sibfords needs to be improved. Residents are constantly complaining about how bad it is. Every week I have to tell someone not to attempt to call my mobile number or send me a text message. It causes difficulty with some online services, which like to send an authentication code by text. BT are about to remove the public phone boxes from the Sibfords, which will make it more difficult for people out and about in the villages to contact the emergency services quickly.

I do a lot of walking in the beautiful countryside around the Sibfords, but I am prepared to accept what seems to be the relatively low impact of the proposed mast on the scenery. Going by the photographs supplied by the appellants, it will have less visual impact than the existing mast at Sibford Heath (grid reference SP345400), less than a mile away.

My one caveat is that I have seen no explanation of why the existing mast at Sibford Heath cannot be used instead of erecting a new one fairly close by, a question I have been asked. I hope the Inspector will address this point when coming to a decision.