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Hatfield Garden Village  
Hertfordshire  
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REF: 6/2023/1099/PN15

RE: Objection to siting 15M 5G mast and cabinets at proposed location - there are many safer and less conspicuous alternatives in the vicinity.

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To whom it may concern.

One would assume that the objective of the proposal is to provide high quality 5G mobile internet services to the neighbourhood **whilst being sited in a place and have a design and colouration that makes it as inconspicuous as practicably possible. This proposal fails on one of these objectives!**

There are an abundance of opportunities in the vicinity to conceal cabinets and most of the 15m 5G mast behind trees and bushes or neighbouring industrial units. **It would seem to me that the choice of the verge adjacent to the exit of the roundabout where Hatfield Avenue, Campion Road and Gypsy Moth Avenue meet is a strange one: it is probably one of the most hazardous and least inconspicuous locations in the area that could possibly have been selected for the proposed development.**

#### **Siting at a roundabout**

I would like to question **the wisdom siting of the equipment at the exit of a roundabout and would like to raise a question about the consequences of an HGV striking the mast or the cabinets** – and there is precedence for HGVs overturning on Hatfield Avenue at roundabouts. **It would also seem unwise siting such equipment only metres before a Toucan pedestrian/bicycle crossing – this a route taken by children to school.**

#### **Consideration of an existing application within metres of the proposed site?**

There doesn't seem to be **consideration of 6/2022/2759/FULL, which is a pending application for a 10.8m tall industrial unit in grey/blue cladding a few metres behind the proposed for the mast – this would be completely incongruous with the odd shade of green these 5G masts are painted.**

#### **Beneficiaries of the 5G mast**

**With the availability of full-fibre broadband in the surrounding residential streets it would seem to be the Business Park occupiers, workers and visitors that would be the main beneficiaries of this 5G mast installation** – therefore, it would seem sensible to move the mast a little bit into the Business Park where it would fit better with its surroundings rather than having it in the prominent place proposed by the planning application.



#### **Mast adjacent to Porsche**

There is also huge mobile mast has been put up next to Porsche? Can't the power of this one be increased to do what the proposed mast will do?

**Summary**

**There are many safer and less conspicuous sites in the neighbourhood** (such as on or beside any of the slightly more distant industrial units in the area or behind the abundance of bushes and trees in the area). Please reconsider and choose a site that will have less safety or visual impact. If you do obtain permission and persist to erect this 5G mast as you proposed, please paint it in a colour to match the industrial backdrop or at least a darker green to match the nearby conifers not the odd shade of green that is normally used (are there actually any trees that colour?).

Many thanks for your time and consideration of our comments.

	<p>Proposed tower and cabinets replacing planting at blue arrow looking West along Hatfield Avenue.</p> <p>Note proximity to Toucan crossing and road.</p> <p>Also note all the opportunities to decrease the visual impact of the tower and cabinets further to the West.</p> <p>Also note that the Toucan crossing is leaning over (it has been hit by a vehicle)</p>
	<p>Adjacent Toucan crossing has been hit by a vehicle already.</p>



**Similar tower** and cabinets next to David Lloyd sports centre in Hatfield Business Park **about 300m away**. Completely out of the scale of and colour of the other street hardware.

Note that the gap between the cabinets and the road for this installation is many times larger than that for the proposed installation.



**Huge tower** beside Porsche **about 250m away** from proposed site. Can this be upgraded instead?



Hatfield Avenue to the East of the proposed site. Please note all the other opportunities to decrease the visual impact of the tower and cabinets to the east.