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Application Reference No. : DET/2017/0012
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Submission: Objection

Comments: MY OBJECTION:

Having studied comments on the SMDC portal, I strongly object to the erection of a Vodafone Mast on the proposed site. I feel that some logic should be applied.

As an Endon resident living within the conservation area I will try to apply logic to my objection.

In the Conservation area it is almost impossible to get planning permission for a dwelling or even a garage. We can't choose our own style of windows or the colour of our house and we can't even cut a branch off the many trees with TPOs. We respect this, because it is part of the Conservation preservation process of which ALL of us are proud to be part of.

In this light, I find it hard to believe that SMDC are even considering Vodafone erecting a 17.5 meter metal mast inside and on the show face of our Conservation Area. The mast would also be adjacent to Audley's Moat, an Historic England scheduled site dating back to the 12th century.

I understand and respect the Council's democratic values, but this one defies all logic.

I have seen the phrase "weigh the values of protecting the Conservation Area against the public benefits of microwave transmission"

Allowing a 17.5 meter metal mast to be erected inside and at the forefront of this beautiful area would be totally irresponsible and in bad taste. The Conservation Area has been protected for many generations by local District Councils. This area in its entirety has been passed on to our generation for safe keeping in trust for our children and future generations. We must NOT even consider betraying that trust.

The weight of my objection is therefore SUBSTANTIAL.

If the application for the proposed site fails, what benefits will the public lose? Clearly, the answer is NONE. In fact, if health concerns become real, then residents will benefit greatly.

There are many acres of open land surrounding the proposed mast which offer much better sites both technically and visually. The proposed site is the worst site possible. It is one of the lowest points in Endon and at the very forefront of the very sensitive Conservation and Historic Areas.

Endon is in a valley, flanked by two hillsides, East and West. If the mast was installed on the East hillsides it would blend in and not be noticed. Also, the elevation of the hillside would allow a shorter mast and give much better microwave distribution than the proposed site. Antennas could be made bigger and would not need shrouding etc etc.

It is also doubtful that the proposed mast would cover the Southern part of Endon. The alternative East hillside would give sight of and therefore good coverage of the whole of Endon.

Local survey shows that within a 500 meter radius from the proposed mast, 95% of houses already have a good signal. Therefore the proposed mast site will only benefit around 5% (20) houses. An alternative site as described above could therefore benefit many more houses in Endon.

SUMMARY:

WEIGHT OF NOT PROTECTING THE CONSERVATION AREA	-	SUBSTANTIAL
WEIGHT OF NOT ERECTING A MAST ON THE PROPOSED SITE	-	NONE

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Date: 04 June 2017
