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APPLICATION NO:
TL/2001/4651

LOCATION:
Land Adjacent To Underpass Laurel Park Rushey Way, Lower Earley Reading.

APPLICANT:
BT Cellnet Ltd C/O Centac Ltd

PROPOSAL:
Proposed erection of one 10 metre telecommunications mast and associated equipment cabin

EARLIEST DATE FOR DECISION: **14/09/2001**

APPLICATION WILL HAVE EXPIRED ON:
01/10/2001

CASE OFFICER: **Joss Miller**

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WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS

REFUSAL OF PRIOR APPROVAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS NOTIFICATION

Ms D Freeman
Centac Ltd
Billesley Craft Centre
Iron Gate farm
Upper Billesley
Stratford Upon Avon
CV37 9RH

Notification No: TL/2001/4651

Parish: Earley

Proposal: Proposed erection of one 10 metre high telecommunications mast and associated equipment cabin.

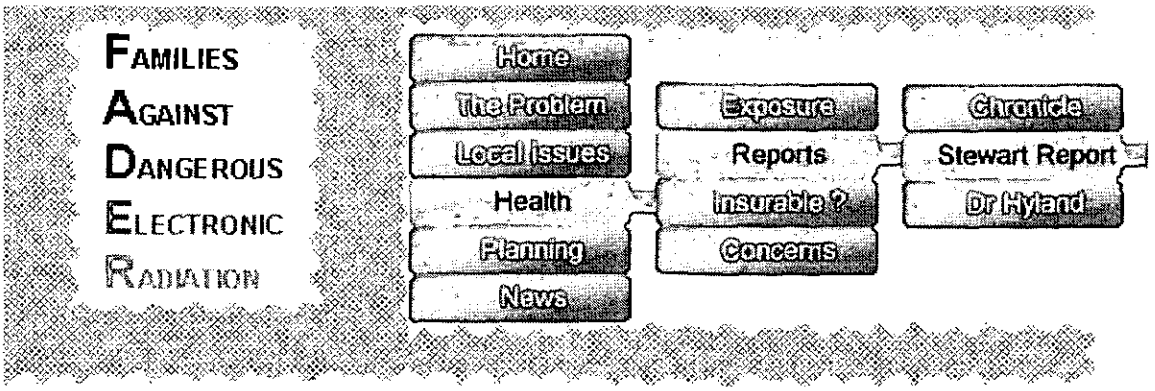
Location: Land adjacent to underpass, Laurel Park, Rushey Way, Earley.

The Wokingham District Council in pursuance of their powers under Part 24 of the Town and Country (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) Order 1998 **REFUSES** prior approval for the above stated telecommunications equipment, the reasons for which are specified hereunder.

1. The proposal is unacceptable in view of its proximity to residential properties.

Date: 19 September 2001

for Development Control Manager



The Stewart Report

Stewart Report
Main Conclusions
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Stewart Report –

The report of The INDEPENDENT EXPERT GROUP ON MOBILE PHONES (The Stewart Report) http://www.iegmp.org.uk/
10 months of enquiries, published May 2000.

The report is a bit on the long side and much just describes what they considered. Here is an overview of important bits concerning mast placement issues. Sometimes a simple re-phrasing, summarising what the report says is given; see the report itself for the exact text.

Main Conclusions

Of the main 7 conclusions (sections 1.16 –1.22) none claim that mobile phone radiation is safe.

1.17 The balance of evidence to date suggests that exposures to RF radiation below current guidelines do not cause adverse health effects,

1.18 but there may be biological effects occurring at exposures below these guidelines though these effects does not necessarily lead to disease or injury.

1.19 people can vary in their susceptibility to environmental hazards. It is not possible at present to say that exposure to RF radiation, even at levels below national guidelines, is totally without potential adverse health effects, and that the gaps in

knowledge are sufficient to justify a precautionary approach.

1.20 This precautionary approach be adopted until much more detailed and scientifically robust information on any health effects becomes available

Other points which seem particularly relevant:

1.42 Macrocell base stations sited within or near school grounds, should not have a beam of greatest intensity that falls on any part of the school grounds or buildings without agreement from the school and parents. (see Children and schools)

1.43 We recommend that in making decisions about the siting of base stations, planning authorities should have the power to ensure that the RF fields to which the public will be exposed will be kept to the lowest practical levels that will be commensurate with the telecommunications system operating effectively.

6.44 The anxieties that some people feel, when the uncertainties in scientific knowledge is ignored can in themselves affect their well-being.

Recommendation for the way forward.

1.38 We recommend that a robust planning template be set in place within 12 months of the publication of this report.

1.39 We recommend that a national database be set up by Government giving details of all base stations and their emissions.

1.40 We recommend that an independent random, ongoing, audit of all base stations be carried out to ensure that exposure guidelines are not exceeded

1.61 We are concerned at the variability and the limited extent of the information made available to consumers on mobile phone products.

Children

See Stewart Report section 6.63 – 6.68
Children are more vulnerable -
There is evidence that at the frequencies used in mobile phone technology, children will absorb more energy (per kilogram of

body weight) than adults. A one year old could absorb around double, and a five year old around 60%, more than an adult. Additionally, since children are being exposed to RF radiation from base stations (and from mobile phones) from a younger age than adults, they will have a longer time in which to accumulate exposure over the course of their lives, and a longer time for any delayed effects of exposure to develop.

CHILDREN AT SCHOOL

The Stewart Report says that base stations sited within or near school grounds, should not have a beam of greatest intensity that falls on any part of the school grounds or buildings without agreement from the school and parents.

An explanation, of **why the report only considers the exposure of children to base-station radiation while at school**, is given in 'Clarification of Stewart Report Issues' http://www.iegmp.org.uk/Queries.htm

The Expert Group was specifically asked by government to address the issue of siting of base stations on or near schools as "It is known that children are in school for a large proportion of the day, whereas **their whereabouts outside school are much less clearly defined**".

CHILDREN WHEN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Where children's whereabouts outside school are known a reasonable position to take, based on what the report says, would be -
When considering how base-stations are to be sited, proper application of the precautionary principle means do not allow 'the beam of maximum intensity' to fall on schools or school land (knowing that children are there 6 hours a day) or on any residential properties or land where children are known to be for 6 hours a day or more.

Write and inform telecomm operators planning a base-station, should children's homes be affected, asking them to apply this precautionary principle. – send a list of nearby addresses with the numbers of children *known to be* living there.

Quotes given from the report

Organisations interested primarily in making money are very good at quoting just one sentence from the Stewart

Report, which supports their case.

The Federation of the Electronics Industry (FEI)
Press release no: PR2003 11 May 2000
"We particularly welcome Sir William Stewart's confirmation that 'the balance of evidence does not suggest mobile phone technologies put the health of the general population of the UK at risk."

Church of England {Extract from 'Radio Aerials and Your Church' - A National Approach November 2000]
"The Stewart Report concluded that the basis of research to date 'does not suggest that emissions from mobile phones and base stations put the health of the UK population at risk"



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FAO Joss Millar – Planning Case Officer

Dear Sirs

Re: Application For Development by Telecommunications Code System Operators

Permitted Development Application No. TL/20014651

By BT Cellnet Communications Ltd.

Location of Proposed Mast Erection – Land at Laurel Park

Please find detailed below observations and objections to the proposed development above.

Observations and Objections put forward:
DETR Circular 04/99, Para. 6 & 7 state that "notices should be placed in a prominent and publicly accessible position so they are visible and legible to anyone passing by without the need to enter the site. In the case of a large or inaccessible site, the applicant should consider placing notices on the nearest public roads or footpaths". I consider the position chosen by the applicant does not conform to this advice on the following basis: -
Objection – The site notice was not correctly displayed. **Circular 04/99 Para. 7** states in that the notice should be visible. The notice was positioned on a lamp post at the edge of the footpath and road with the potential it may go unnoticed by pedestrians. If people cannot properly see the site notice, they are effectively disempowered of the right to the agreed consultation process.

Objection – That no one should have their health placed at risk when clear, unequivocal concerns have been raised by nationally appointed health bodies on the long term health effects of constant bombardment by microwave radiation. This technology has not yet been proved as safe. I (and the majority of my neighbours) have deep-seated concerns and worries regarding mobile masts and their perceived detrimental effect on health grounds. Current research on this matter has merely concentrated on the effects of tissue heating only from microwave emitting antenna.

There is, however, a large body of scientific research that now challenges this view with regard to other possible symptoms such as increased cancer risk, sterility, effects on heart pacemakers etc.

Objection – There is no evidence to support the fact that the applicant has carried out risk assessments for this proposed site, in accordance with current Health and Safety Legislation and recommendations made in Draft PPG 8, Para. 73. For a site with such a potential for detriment to health during construction, use and maintenance, the applicant is directly contravening their Statutory obligations under the Construction and Design (Management) Regulations 1994 (as amended 1999), the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999.

Objection – That the mast poses a real and genuine health risk to members of the public living, working or passing-by near to the mast itself. The practical effect of health and safety should be to ensure the protection of the public in respect of the established health effects of telecommunications apparatus. Again, this risk can be perceived as coming either directly from microwave emissions from the mast, or from the dangerous location of the mast in respect of maintenance access.

Additional data relating to these and other concerns are included with these objections.

Objection – That the "precautionary principle" recommended in the Government commissioned Stewart Report for the IEGMP (May 2000), which calls for a cessation in the erection of masts close to people until more was known about the possible health effects of masts, appears to have been ignored.

Objection – That no pre-application discussions with residential groups, as set out in Cir 04/99 Para 21 and Draft PPG 8 Para. 44 were carried out. This latest draft of PPG 8 (Telecommunications) cites the provision of "advice about taking account of health considerations in making planning decisions about telecommunications development" as one of the main changes to the policy guidance in the new draft. The document goes on to cover a multitude of aspects and scenarios too numerous to mention, many more of which could be applied in refusing this application. May I suggest you familiarise yourself with this document, if you haven't already, as it appears many of the requirements simply have not been met in this case.

Objection – That, in accordance with Draft PPG 8 Para. 42, quality in this urban area could not be maintained by allowing this development to take place. I note that the new Draft PPG 8 states that usual mast heights are typically 20m high to allow radiated signals to clear trees and urban clutter (houses?) and that Telecommunications development may need particular locations in order to work effectively. I, for one, consider the Laurel Park area to be a quality urban area of local amenity and that a mast would impact greatly on the visual amenity of the area.

Objection – By allowing a proposal such as this, on an area of existing green amenity land in a residential area, environmental intrusion is maximised, not minimised, as required by DETR Circular 04/99, Paras. 5 & 13.

Objection – That no consideration (or more importantly, evidence) appears apparent that the operators ever considered mast sharing or sharing an existing site in the area as an alternative to developing this amenity as a new mast site. The Government has attached considerable importance to mast sharing in keeping the numbers of sites and installations to a minimum **(Cir 04/99 Paras 6-14 and Draft PPG 8, Para. 46)**. Conditions in code operators' licences require applicants to explore the possibility of site or mast sharing in the first instance – this evidence should accompany any application made to the local planning authority whether a prior application under Part 24 of the GPDO or an application for planning permission under the T&CPA 1990 **(Cir 04/99 Para 8 and Draft PPG 8, Para. 46)**. Other telecommunication operators (One to One, Orange, Vodafone) **cannot** refuse this request unless there is a demonstrable reason why not, as the Director General of OFTEL has powers to force shared use for this very reason. If not mast sharing, operators are at least encouraged to site new masts alongside existing ones on sites already deemed suitable for this purpose. **It is not apparent from any correspondence or information available for viewing at the Council Offices that mast sharing was ever considered.**

Objection – That the legal precedent resultant from the case of Newport Borough Council vs. Secretary of State of Wales (1998) JPL 337 has not been observed during this permitted rights application. A ruling was upheld during that case that "genuine public fear and concern, even if that fear is irrational and not based upon evidence, is material planning consideration".

Objection – That the proposal represents a loss of amenity to the people of Earley The local plan for Wokingham Council should include policies on the siting and external appearance, including any location and landscaping requirements, designed to minimise the impact of such apparatus on an amenity as stated **in Draft PPG 8, Para. 34).**

Objection – That the applicant for this development has given no care or consideration to screening and planting, as required by DETR Circular 04/99 Para. 17. This paragraph also states that "the boundaries of the site should be drawn large enough to accommodate the necessary landscaping", in effect denying even more of this existing grass amenity area to the residents. The proposed location as it stands does not have sufficient boundary adjacent to Rushey Way to allow suitable landscaping to be implemented. The loss of <u>any</u> of this visual amenity to residents <u>will not be tolerated</u>.

Objection – that the proposed mast will be an eyesore and that the proposal would have a detrimental effect on the locality generally, and on amenities that ought, in the public interest, to be protected. No consideration, or insufficient consideration has been given to **Article 4 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995** as to the adverse effect the proposal will have on the amenity of the area, or indeed this particular site. The proposed development is out of character with the local area. A mast with little or no screening is not going to blend in at all with the local area, so ensuring further detriment.

Objection – That the proximity of the development to residential property will be invasive and intrusive. And thereby affect the amenity of the area. The site is inappropriate. As is the proposed design for this location. I urge you to consider the effect the size and design of this mast will have on the amenity of the local area, towering as it will some 30m into the air, which will contrast with the residential nature/open aspect of the locality. PPG8 makes it clear that a rejection of permitted development permission is acceptable for base stations should the LPA conclude

that it would have an adverse effect on the amenity of the area. I also take this opportunity to draw your attention to the factors listed in ***Cir 04/99 Appendix A para 12*** that may involve siting:

- ?? the height of the site in relation to surrounding land;
- ?? the existence of topographical features and natural vegetation;
- ?? the effect on the skyline or horizon;
- ?? the site when observed from any side, including from outside the authority's own area;
- ?? the site in relation to areas designated locally for their scenic or conservation value;
- ?? the site in relation to existing masts, structures or buildings, including buildings of a historical or traditional character; and the site in relation to residential property.

Objection – That the Council may have a biased commercial interest in the development due to the potential rental income generated by this privately owned structure being situated on highway (i.e. Council) land.

Objection – That the proposed development in no way benefits the local community. Mobile 'phone coverage is more than adequate in this area – the new mast is simply a commercial venture by Cellnet in order to 'capture' a wider area of the Borough away from this locality. In fact signal strength for mobile phones in this locale are of adequate proportions.

Objection – That with the expected future concerns on mobile 'phone mast safety being similar to those recently raised regarding overhead power lines and television broadcast antennae, private property values will **plummet** in areas where masts have been erected in or near to residential properties. It is interesting to note that US and other European countries stipulate a minimum exclusion zone of 500m from mast sites to the vulnerable. The Stewart Report also recommends such exclusion zones **Paras 1.44-1.48 Stewart Report.**

Objection – That the development may have significant and irremediable interference with other electrical equipment of any kind. This can be material planning consideration according to **Draft PPG 8, Para. 82.**

Objection – That the development will cause widespread physical interference and disruption to existing television and other telecommunication services due to the physical obstruction or reflection of the wanted signals. Local Authorities need to have taken into account that the potential for interference has been fully considered in the siting and design of this development, as it would be impossible to correct this situation after the site becomes operational. This also can be material planning

Observation – Under current legislation, including the aforementioned relevant Health & Safety Guidelines and the European Human Rights Act, there is already the very real potential for individual litigation processes to be instigated against Local Authorities, corporate bodies or individuals involved in any way in the approval, erection and operation of apparatus proposed in this and similar applications. It is therefore advised that you seriously consider investigating the legality and consequences, whether current or future, of your involvement in any approval of this and other similar applications in this Borough.

I look forward to your official response to the points raised above, before the cut-off date mentioned previously is reached. I urge you to reject this application.

Yours faithfully

Signature: 

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Alan Spratling - Leader of the Council

17 September, 2001

Joss Miller
Development Control Officer
Wokingham District Council

Dear Joss

Erection of 10 metre Telecommunications Mast at Laurel Park, Earley

I have to say that I feel that the proposed location for this mast is totally inappropriate.

The reasons I say this are firstly, the Laurel Park is in fact used as a sports field and within the environs of Laurel Park is also a children's playground. Also around the area are many houses that are certainly within the 60 metre exclusion zone which I believe this Council operates in respect of masts. We also know that the mast is 10 metres high. This would give it clearly a prominent position on the Ridgeway which goes through Earley and, in fact, Laurel Park is the highest point on the Ridgeway, presumably that is why is was chosen. It is still however a totally inappropriate development within Earley. If such a mast has to be erected, could it not be incorporated on to the roof of the Police Station, which presumably has other aerials and similar bits and pieces although, of course, the Police Station is in the middle of a housing development and may also be excluded because of our current policies.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Spratling
Leader of the Council

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16th September 2001

Dear Mr J Millar

Application No. TL/20014651

I am writing further to my letter of the 13th September objecting to the above planning application for a telephone mast at Laural Park. This park is a major facility in Lower Earley, it has a children playground within it and is used by all ages for various recreation.

The park is close to three primary schools and near to routes used by older children going to the local senior school. In the vicinity of the park is also the local doctors, dentists and a church with people travelling to and from these facilities.

The local residence to the park will be affected by the view of the mast and any possible health risks associated with these telephone masts.

Yours faithfully

Cllr. C.A. Smith

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Local resident Objection to Planning Application TL/2001/4651

Dear Joss,
Regarding the BT Cellnet planning application TL/2001/4651 for a 10 metre telecommunications mast and associated cabin equipment - location: Land adjacent to underpass Laurel park, football field/play-area side, adjacent to Barkby residences, opposite Swepstone residences.

I object to the proposed development in the strongest terms and urge Wokingham District Council planning officer to reject BT Cellnet's application for the proposed mast development.

1) BT Cellnet have plenty of other non-residential locations they could use. Any increased cost argument by BT Cellnet really doesn't stand up if it's at the expense of Lower Earley residents, their Council, and their quality of life. BT Cellnet's signal strength near proposed site is already excellent - no new mast is needed in that vicinity.

2) The proposed mast development site is unacceptably close to residential housing. in being only approximately 20 - 25 metres from the nearest residences.

3) The proposed mast development site is unacceptably close to schools access and play areas:
Also, a bus stop is less than 5 metres away, (used daily by school children).
The path to Loddon School and the football field are 1 metre away, (also both used daily by children).

4) The proposed mast will in my opinion be out of keeping with surroundings and detrimental visual amenity and to my quality of life: Adjacent housing and pathways overlook the scenic play-areas and of Laurel park. The transmitter will form the tallest and a most significant item of view to Laurel Park.

5) If passed the proposed mast would also set a precedence and open the floodgates to more and bigger masts in the immediate vicinity . It could also be too easily enlarged by BT Cellnet.

6) As a local resident, I am concerned that the proposed mast development will detrimentally effect the value of my property and the ease of sale. Potential buyers could be concerned by the undesirable proximity to such a mast.

7) I am concerned that there may be a health risk from long term exposure to radiation from such a mobile phone mast. Until there is concrete proof that there is no long-term health risk to residents living close to mobile phone telecommunications masts then Council should reject this BT Cellnet mast application in close proximity to residences, in the interest of long term community health and safety.

Please accept the strength of local objections and reject the TL/2001/4651 mast application.

Yours sincerely

Joss Miller

From: David Swindells
Sent: 30 August 2001 14:04
To: Joss Miller
Cc: Diana Carpenter; Caroline Smith (E-mail)
Subject: Masts at Laurel Park

Would you lease note that I wish to object to the telecommunication mast being constructed a the above site for the following reasons:-

- The site and construction would be intrusive to neighbouring property especially in my Ward in respect of Swepstone Close.
- The Council policy is to refuse such application where there are children and many people using the area. This location serves leisure facilities and children attending the local primary schools of Loddon Infant and Junior, Hawkedon School and Radstock school.
- There is a play area in the vicinity on Laurel Park and children would pass the area underneath the mast to go to this play area.
- The height of the mast is higher at this point than the normal street furniture and the diagram shows that it is higher than the street lamp.
- There is a bus stop at this point and residents would be affected by the construction of this mast as they would be very close to its influence.

For the above reasons I would like the application to be turned down or referred to the Development Control Committee
David Swindells
Councillor for Little Hungerford ward Earley

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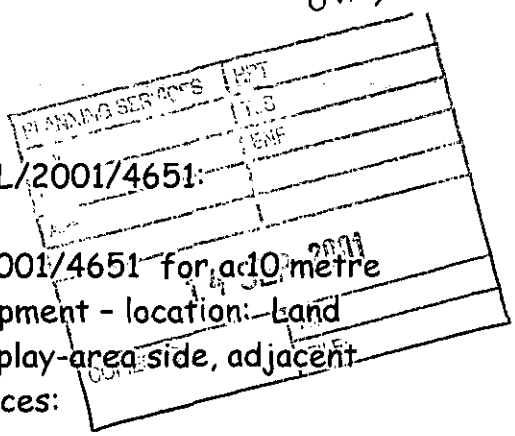

Local resident Objection to Planning Application TL/2001/4651:

Regarding the BT Cellnet planning application TL/2001/4651 for a 10 metre telecommunications mast and associated cabin equipment - location: Land adjacent to underpass Laurel park - football field/play-area side, adjacent to Barkby residences, opposite Swepstone residences:

We, the undersigned, object to the proposed development in the strongest terms as a resident of Swepstone Close and petition Wokingham District Council planning officer to reject BT Cellnet's proposed development application. We strongly object for reasons which include:-

- Unacceptable proximity to residential housing.
- Unacceptable proximity Schools access, bus stop, recreational play areas.
- The mast development will be out of keeping with surroundings and detrimental visual amenity and to quality of life of residents and park users.
- BT Cellnet have plenty of other non-residential locations they could use.
- If passed the proposed mast would also set precedence and open the floodgates to more and bigger masts in the immediate vicinity . It could also be too easily enlarged by BT Cellnet.
- The detrimental effect on Lower Earley local resident's house prices and ease of sale.
- I am concerned that there may be a health risk from long-term exposure to radiation from such a mobile phone mast. Until there is concrete proof that there is no long-term health risk to residents living close to the mast then Council should reject this BT Cellnet mast application in close proximity to residences in the interest of long-term community health and safety.

Name	Address	Signature Date
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C HOWLAND	59 SWEPSTONE CL	C Howland

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Signatures

Local resident Objection to Planning Application TL/2001/4651: Petition for the Council to reject the application.			
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B. ZAREMBA	1 SWEEPSTONE CLOSE		
E. KORYBSKA	1 SWEEPSTONE CLOSE	Korybska	
B. Davies	2, Sweepstone Close	Beverley Davies	
S IRVINE	2. SWEEPSTONE CLOSE		
B Cole	3 Sweepstone Close		6.9.1.
P.G. SORRELL.	4 SWEEPSTONE CLOSE.		6/9/01
J. SORRELL	4 SWEEPSTONE CLOSE.		6/9/01.
	5 SWEEPSTONE CLOSE.	MIKE MOCKET,	
D. BANYS	28 SWEEPSTONE CLOSE		6/9/01
D. BARTOLO	29 SWEEPSTONE CLOSE		
P. BARTOLO	29 SWEEPSTONE CLOSE		
L. Bartolo	13 Years old 29 Sweepstone close	13 Years old L. Bartolo	!!!

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TRACEY GILLARD	4 WELWICK CLOSE. L.E	Tracey Gillard	7.9.01
E. CARTER	1 SETTRINGTON CLOSE, L.E.	E.Carter	7/9/01
J. WATSON	17 HAWKEDON WAY L.E.	J.watson	7/9/01
P Reynolds	19 WICKHAM Rd	P.Reynolds	7/9/01.
T. HITCHINS	14 WORRALL WAY	T. Jhitchins	7/9/01
S Cook	73 CHILCOMBE WAY	S Cook	7/9/01
S JUFFS	19 DRIFTWAY CLOSE	S Juffs	7/9/01
C. BURROW	116 Wilmington	C Burrow	
S. CARLING	74, HAWKEDON WAY L/E.	S.Carling	7/9/01.
L. Goodfellow	52 Paddick Drive Lower Earley	L. Goodfellow	7/9/01
M.J. Cook	School Thurlestone Hawkedon Way		7/9/01
L STEPNEY	10 STILTON CLOSE LOWER EARLEY		
K. YENDLE-JOHNSON	49 MEASHAM WAY, LOWER EARLEY READING	K. Yendle	8/9
M JOHNSON	11	M Johnson	8/9.

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J. Cowley	65 Measham Way. WM 4/ Earley	J Cowley	08/09/01
DARRAB	82 Measham Way	DARRAB	8/9/01
Khartoon	80 Measham Way		
C TURNER	48 MEASHAM WY.	C Turner	8/9/01
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P. Bendall	53 Measham Way	P Bendall	8.9.01
G EDWARDS	76 MEASHAM WAY	G Edwards	
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J.E. Porter	62 Measham Way	J E. Porter	
RW PORTER	62 MEASHAM WAY	RW Porter	
J.E.F. PORTER	62 MEASHAM WAY	J E F Porter	
J Cowley	56 MEASHAM WAY	J COWLEY	
K STONE	50 MEASHAM WAY	Clare Stone	
L. HAYDEN	" "	L Hayden	

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D.E. Taylor	17 Mawbray Close	D.E. Taylor 7/9/01
S.E Gratton	45, MEASHAM WAY	S.E 8-9-01
D NOTTAGE	43 MEASHAM WAY	D.P. Nottage 8/9/01
A MILLSEY	41. MEASHAM WAY	A Millsey
	39, Measham Way	
R JOHNSON	35 MEASHAM WAY	R JOHNSON 8/9/01
S.P. BUTLER	28 CLEVEDON DRIVE	S.P. Butler 8/9/01
C DONALD	40 MEASHAM WAY	" "
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D EDWARDS	33 KNOSSINGTON CLOSE	
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E. KENNEDY	21 KNOSSINGTON CLOSE	
P. SMALLWOOD	16 Knossington Close	8/9/01

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Karen Blundell	8 Marefield Lower Earley		
Rick Blundell	8 MAREFIELD LOWER EARLEY	R Blundell	8/9/01
CLIÓNA BARNETT	8 MAREFIELD LOWER EARLEY	C Barnett	08.09.01
ROBERT STRINGER	6, MAREFIELD LOWER EARLEY	R. Stringer	
Colleen O'Loughlin	4 Marefield. Earley.		
Deborah Murpratt	2 marefield Earley	D. Murpratt.	
Denny Kehoe	1 marefield		
R. BARTON	17 MAREFIELD	R. Barton	
G Mumford	5 MAREFIELD	G Mumford	
LES STRINGER	9 MAREFIELD	L Stringer	
STELLA BRYANT	31 MAREFIELD	S. Bryant	
Tricia Allen	33 Marefield	P Allen.	
Frances Marsh	43 Marefield		
Ann Quinn	45 MAREFIELD	A. Quinn	
Carol Berkeley	9 Berkeley		
John Burbridge	9 Berkeley		

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S. CHAPLIN	95 MAREFIELD	
J HARDING	62 MAREFIELD	J. Harding 080901
Cleamaster	62 Marefield	Cleamaster 08109101.
K Carpenter	46 MAREFIELD	K Carpenter
Craig GREY	44 MAREFIELD	
TONY GREY	44 MAREFIELD	
D WILLIAMS	36 MAREFIELD	
S WILLIAMS	36 MAREFIELD	S Williams
C. WOODHAM	34 MAREFIELD	
N. Al-Hadithi	30 Marefield	N Al-H 8/9/01
M GOODCHILD	42 Marefield	
N BEVAN	18 MAREFIELD	
S THOMAS	16 MAREFIELD	
H MUSPRATT	14 MAREFIELD	
A MUSPRATT.	" "	
N. DOWD	10 MAREFIELD	

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SHEILA D'ALMEIDA	8 SWEPSTONE CL.		7/9/01
P Sharma.	17 Swepstone CL.	Sharma.	7/09/01
G.D. Lomas	7 Swepstone Close		7/09/01
J E Davies	2 Swepstone Close	JD	7-9-01
E Mawd	" " "		7-9-01
[illegible]	18 Swepstone Close		07/09/01
Tracy Platt	9, Swepstone close		7/9/01
P. DONETTA	6, Swepstone close		7/9/01
J. EVANS	14 " "	J. Evans	7/9/01
M. SEAMAN.	11 " "		7/9/01
SIOBAN BUGHT	16 SWEPSTONE CLOSE		7/9/01
JOHN BUGHT	" " "	John Bught	7/9/01
OSAMU TANIGUCHI	12 SWEPSTONE close		8/9/01
SWARTZ	90 IXER20K		
S. Scott	58 Morefield	SIMON SCOTT	
S. Chaplin.	95 Morefield	Sarah Chaplin.	8/9/01.

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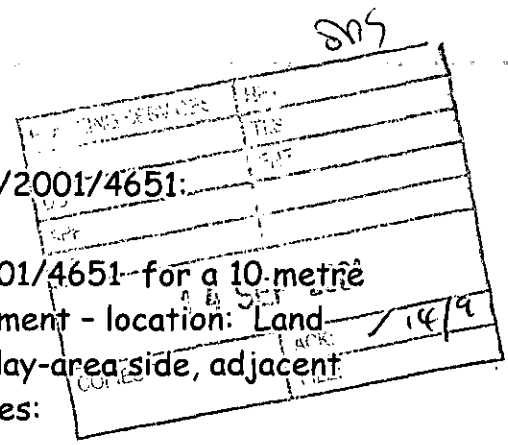

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Name	Address	Signature	Date
Wilkin	63, Measham Way	Swilkin	8/09/01
A.Wilkin	63. Measham Way	Awilkin	8/09/01

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Ajlouni	15 Harrington Close Lower Earley	R.A 11.9.01
S. Ajlouni	"	A 11.9.01

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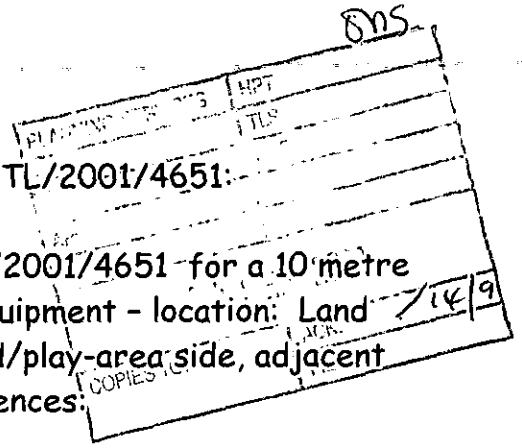

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T. Sheppard	8, Barkby	T. Sheppard 10/9/01
S. SHEPPARD	8, BARKBY	~~S. Sheppard~~ 10/9/01

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P. Carroll	48 MEASHAM	P. Carroll 8/9/01
T. Hutton	2. KNOSSINGTON	T. Hutton
Jane Hutton	2 Knossington	Jane Hutton
R. Parry	3 Knossington Close	R Parry 8/9
A Bashford	4 Knossington Close	A Bashford
C Bashford	4 Knossington Close	C Bashford
D Bashford	4 Knossington close	D. Bashford
M. Woodward	6 Knossington Close	M Woodward
Heriden Sims	8 Knossington close	Heriden Sims 8/9/01
K. MORIYAMA	11 Knossington Close	Ken Moriyama 8/9/01

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JONATHAN MILLS	89 MAREFIELD, LOWER EARLEY		8/9/01
M. ALLIS	83 MAREFIELD, LOWER EARLEY		8/9/01
DAWN BROOK	79 MAREFIELD, LOWER EARLEY		8/9/01
PAUL BROOK	Its Same		8/9/01
ROBIN BLUNT	77 MAREFIELD		8/9/01
KERRY BLUNT	" "		8/9/01
ERIC SWEETMAN	20 MAREFIELD		8-9-01
T. RODGERS	73 MAREFIELD		8.9.01
AIMEE RODGERS	73 MAREFIELD		8-9-01
GARRY RYAN	69 MAREFIELD		
ANISH PATEL	57, MAREFIELD.		
A. RAZZAK	55 MAREFIELD		
J. KENT	53 MAREFIELD		
P. JOHNSTON	49 MAREFIELD		

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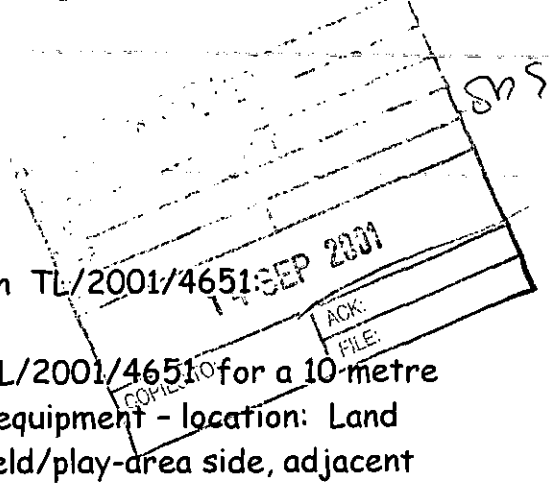
Hazel Bell	25 Sibson	H Bell 8/9/01.
G. Willoughby	24 SIBSON.	G. Willoughby 8/9/01



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GARY ROBERTS	38 BARBY CLOSE	G. Roberts 9-9-01
S. Mollatt	41 Barby Close	[illegible] 8/9/01

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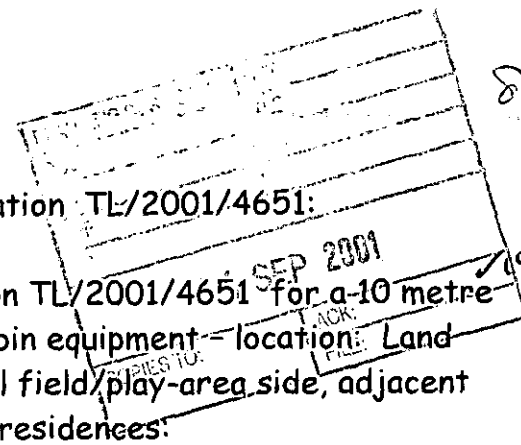
Name	Address	Signature	Date
D Dawson	30A Finch Road	D Dawson	10/9/01
V. DOLAN	2, TINWELL CLOSE		10/9/01
M. Holton	23 Toseland Way	M Holton	10-9-01
T. COUPAR	73 BRIDPORT CLOSE		10-9-01.
S. SMITH	68 SICELMOCOTE WAY		10-9-01
L PANTER	26 FELIXSTOWE CLOSE		10.9.01.
M TEALE	37 MEADOW ROAD.	Teale	10.9.01
E. WIEGERSMA	4 TOSELAND WAY		10/9/01
Y.A Saich.	52, Egremont Drive	Y.A Saich	10.9.01
G. SAICH	——— 11 ———		10.09.01
A Elliott	2, Ridington Close		
K. Cook	62, Beech Lane		
M Fawds	6 Toseland Way	M Fawds	
L. Malpass	1. Holsworthy Close		
C Hillyard	3 The Orchard, Silverdale Rd		10.9.01
J. Gardner	28 Egremat Drive	J. Gardner	



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Sheila Painter	5. Swepstone Close	Sheila Painter 10/9/01
Suzanne Mason	11 Freshfield Close	S. Mason. 10/9/01

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J. BRAILEY	5 STONEA CLOSE LOWER EARLEY		7.9.01
T. DONALD	18 IRVINE WAY LOWER EARLEY	T. Donald	7/9/01.
D. LUNN	8 BURNISTON CLOSE LOWER EARLEY	D. Lunn.	
L. HOWARD	64 RYHILL WAY LOWER EARLEY	L. Howard	
E. MILLER	6 LIDSTONE CLOSE LOWER EARLEY	E Miller	
C CRESSWELL	50 HAWKEDON WAY L EARLEY	C Cresswell	
J. YOUNG	157 Chilcombe Way Lower Earley RG6 3DP		
S. Hewer	17, Hollym Close, RG6 3XW	S Hewer	7.9.01
A. Noades	11 Kelton close L.Early RG6 3BG	A. Noades	
S PIPE	5, STOWMARKET CLOSE, L. EARLEY. RG6 3UA	S.H.P.	07.09.01.

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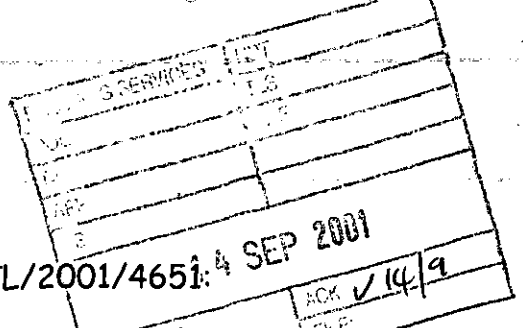

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J. Minns	1 Sibson Lower Earley Reading Berks	12/8/01
J Wells	2 Sibson Lower Earley Reading	12/8/01

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P. SHEPHERD	4 SIBSON, LOWER EARLEY	P SHEPHERD	12/09/01
L. HOBBS	7 SIBSON, LWR EARLEY		12-9-01
K. GLEED	12, SIBSON L/Earley	K Gleed	12-9-01
R CLAFTON	14, SIBSON, L-EARLEY		12-9-01
L TWINE	5 SIBSON, EARLEY		
R BOURNE	17 SIBSON, LWR EARLEY	R Bourne	12/9/01
E KIRKUP	18 SIBSON LWR EARLEY		12.9.01
E. RUSSELL	18 SIBSON LOWER EARLEY		12.9.01
B. TSANE	21 SIBSON, LOWER EARLEY		12.9.01
D. SMITH.	22 SIBSON, LOWER EARLEY		12.9.01
P. NORVILLS	15 SIBSON LOWER EARLEY	P Norvills	12/9/01
S. BEAVIS	6 HARRINGTON CLOSE LOWER EARLEY	S Beavis	12/9/01
J AINSWORTH	7 Harrington Close Lower Earley	J Ainsworth	12/9/01
S FASSNIDGE	7 Harrington Close		12/9/01
T BLUNN	31 Sweetstone Close		12/9/01
R. BLUNN	31 Sweetstone Close	R Blunn	12/9/01

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H Stevenson	10 OWSTON, L. Earley		8.9.01
[illegible]	65 Marefield, L. Earley, Reading		8.9.01
[illegible]	67 MAREFIELD		8.9.01
R Turton	67 Marefield	R Turton	8.9.01
D. Dant	63 marefield	D. DANT	8.9.01.
I. Wightman	65 MAREFIELD		8.9.01
D L STEVENSON	10 OWSTON, L. EARLEY		8-9-2001
S. ANDERSON	2 OWSTON. L EARLEY	S. Anderson	
T. ANDERSON	2 OWSTON L. EARLEY	T. Anderson.	
A. KEAST	3 OWSTON L. EARLEY	A Keast	
F. KEAST	3 OWSTON L. EARLEY		
A. THAIN	4 OWSTON L. EARLEY	A. Thain	8.9.01
Elcel	5 Owston, L Earley	Elcel	
J. STURGESS	7 OWSTON L. EARLY.	J. Sturgess	
P. STURGESS	7 OWSTON L. EARLEY	P. Sturgess	

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MR. OTHA SMITH	32 SWOPSTONE CLOSE	O Smith	12/9/01

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H.S. DAWE	36 RATBY CLOSE LOWER EARLEY RG6 4ER		7.9.01
A Donald	40 Ratby Close Lower Earley RG6 4ER	A Donald	10.9.01
S. REYNOLDS	37, Ratby Close	S Reynolds	16/9/01
K. ALEXANDER	42 RATBY CLOSE	K Alexander	10.9.01
S NEWBURY	34 RATBY CLOSE, LOWER EARLEY	S Newbury	10/9/01
K.M. GREEN.	32 RATBY CLOSE.	K M Green	10.9.01
NA SAVORY	28 Ratby close Lower Earley	NA Savory	
TS PARROTT	28 RATBY CLOSE LOWER EARLEY READING		
B RISI	31 RATBY CLOSE LOWER EARLEY		
P HAWKE	3 RATBY CLOSE LOWER EARLEY		
H BENNETT	3 RATBY CLOSE LOWER EARLEY		
M. JERICEVICH	51 Ratby Close Lower Earley	Jericevich	
	57 LOXWOOD EARLEY	JOAN HALL. 10.9.01.	
JOHN HALL	57 LOXWOOD EARLEY	John Hall	10/09/01.

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R. Hewett	2 Barkby	R. Hewett. 10/9/01
Ian Hewett	2 Barkby	I. Hewett 10/9/01
Marian Stamford	3 Barkby	M. Stamford 10/9/01
Steve Warwicker	4 Barkby	S.J. Warwicker 10/9/01
D. Warwicker	4 Barkby	D. Warwicker 10/09/01
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C Lewis	6 Harrington Close.	C Lewis	11/9/01
H. Long	8 Harrington close		11.9.01
D Stephenson	11, Harrington close.	D Stephenson	11.9.01
B. Morse	16 Harrington close		11.9.01
S. Peters	3 Harrington Close	S. Peter	11.9.01

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J Tranbad	14 chatteris way Earley	J Tranbad	10/9/01
V Fletcher	50 The Crescent Earley.	V Fletcher	10/9/01

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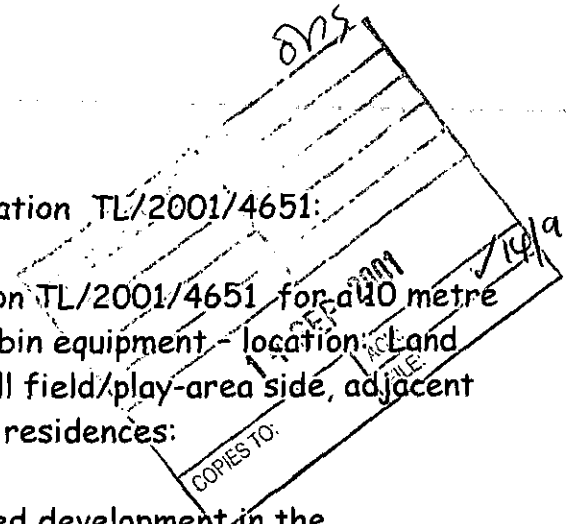

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MRS S. CHAPPLE	8. ROSINDALE AVENUE. EARLEY	S Chapple. 10.09.01.
MRS T. HOPKINS	7. SELLAFIELD WAY, LOWER EARLEY	T Hopkins 10/09/01

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J Clements	8 Toseland Way	J Clements	10.9.2001
D SCOTT	HILLSIDE RD	~~D Scott~~	10/9/01
G BENDELL	17 DUNHOLME CLOSE	GBendell	10/9/01
J FREEMAN	4 FORMBY CLOSE	J Freeman	10/9/01
M. Lamond.	29 Shirbridge close	M. Lamond	10/9
S. Lamond	——— " ———	S. Lamond	10/9.
S Oates	63 Bridport close	S Oates	10.9
D. Mason	30 The Delph	~~D Mason~~	10/9
L. BRAWNLESS	41 Skelmerdale Way Earley	L Brawnless	10/9.
A Martins	36 Meadow Rd	A J Martins	10/9
N Busby	70 Chilcombe Way	N Busby	11/9.
H. Morrison	10, Sibson, Earley	H. Morrison	11/9
D. Jones	Scarcliffe Way Earley	~~D Jones~~	12/9

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S. F. Chapl~	—— " ——	S. Chapl~	10/9.

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Sue Waterson	25 Paddick Drive Lower Earley		10-9-01
SHARON POLLARD	28 MEADOWCROFT RD. READING		11/9/01
Nathalie Woosnam	5 Hartsbourne Rd Earley Reading		11-9-01
S. Gentry	42. Meadow Rd Earley		11/9/01
Tamsin Stokes	15 Cobham House, Chestnut crescent, Shinfield	T. Stokes	11/9/01
KELLY O'LOUGHLIN	11 BARKSMITH CLOSE, LOWER EARLY		11/9/01
J. Hewett	156 CHILCOMBE WAY LOWER EARLEY	J. Hewett	
P. Bedding	2 Bridport Close L. Earley	P. Bedding	
C. DILLON.	15 DUNHOLME CLOSE L. EARLEY		11/9/01.
A. Fletcher	19 wheelton close Earley	A. Fletcher	11/9/01

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J. Maguire	9 Homefield Close Lower Earley	J. Maguire 6/9/01.
W. BROAD	14 Culford Close	W Broad

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DAVID CLULOL	42 Swepstone Close,		6/09/01
Angela Jukes	43 Swepstone Close	Angela Jukes	6/09/01
JOHN EVANS	45 Swepstone Close	John Evans	6/9/2001
sue Worsley	47 swepstone close	S.C. Worsley	6/9/2001.
SHEILA EDWARDS	48 SWEPSTONE CLOSE	S. Edwards.	6/9/2001.
AMANDA SMITH	49 SWEPSTONE CLOSE	Smith	6/9/01
mark Smith	49, Swepstone close	m Smith	6/9/01
Steve Norris	56 Swepstone close		6/9/01
Cheryl Walker	55 Swepstone Close	C walker	6/9/01.
Michael Walker	55 Swepstone Close	M Walker	6/9/01
Jessica Walker	55 swepstone close	Walker	6/9/01
Lesley Rogers	54 SWEPSTONE CLOSE		
Pam Taylor	53 Swepstone Close	P Taylor	6/9/01
John Allen	53 Swepstone Close		6/9/01
JKSMINGTON	57 SWEPSTONE		6/9/01
C. Gray.	58 swepstone.	C Gray	

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Robbie Graham	75 Chilcombe Way LE	7/9/01

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AJAY PATEL	36, SWEPSTONE CLOSE LOWER EARLEY	A Patel 6/9/01
G. EVANS	37 SWEPSTONE CLOSE LOWER EARLEY	6-9-01
C EVANS	37, Swepstone close Lower Earley	C Evans 6-9-01
D. SHIPSTON	38, SWEPSTONE CLOSE Lower Earley	6-9-01
J. SHIPSTON	38 SWEPSTONE CLOSE LOWER EARLEY	J Shipston 6-9-01
C. CLINCH	39. SWEPSTONE CLOSE	C Clinch 6.9.01
MRS R S Bapat	40, SWEPSTONE CLOSE	MRS R S Bapat 6.9.01
MRS Yonde	41. SWEPSTONE CLOSE	M Yonde
MR. HARMAN	27 Swepstone Close	J Harman
MR & MRS CLAYTON	25 SWEPSTONE CLOSE	J Clayton
E Clay	25 Swepstone Close	E Clay
A. FYFE	23 SWEPSTONE CLOSE	A Fyfe
M WARDLE	21 SWEPSTONE CLOSE	M Wardle
G.A. TINLIER	20 SWEPSTONE CLOSE	G A Tinlier
Stones	18 Swepstone Close	Stones

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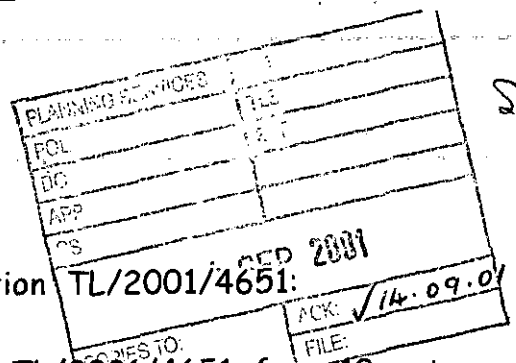

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AARON CHAPPER	11 STOWMARKET CLOSE LOWER EARLEY		7/9/01
SUE ADKINS	39, HORNBEAM DRIVE LOWER EARLEY		7/9/01

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Lisa Jarratt	63 Paddick Drive	Jarratt	6/9/01
Cath. Davies	7, Elveden Close	C Davies	6/9/01
Julie Ellison	3 Elveden close	J Ellison	6/9/01
Tracey Wigmore	5 Burniston Cl	T Wigmore	6/9/01.
Cathy Howard	3 Burniston Cl.	C Howard	6/9/01
Amanda Vaccaro	4 firmstone close	A Vaccaro	6/9/01
Sue Quice	9 Chestnut Way	S Quice	6/9/01
Julie Day	26 Gregory Close	J. Day	6/9/01
Lynda Dearlove	8 Hambledon Close	L Dearlove	6/9/01
Sue Kirby	12 Hambledon Close	S Kirby	6.9.01
Geoff Kirby	12 Hambledon Close	G Kirby	6.9.01
Catharine Newport	14 Adwell Drive	C Newport	6.9.01.
Trudy Burbage	8 Doddington Close	T Burbage	
Lori Anderson	4 Skeffling Close	L Anderson	6.9.01
June Tillyer	20 Swepstone Close	J. Tillyer	
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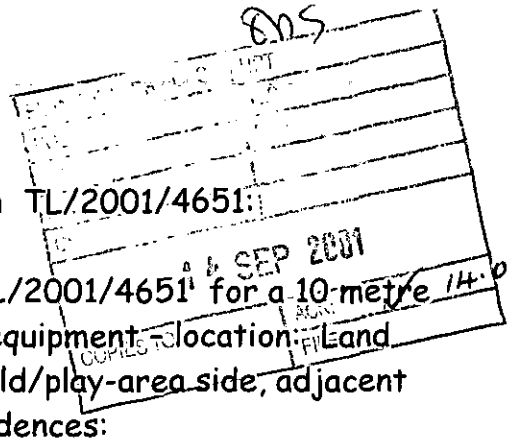

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P PATEL	36 SWEPSTONE CLOSE		7/09/01

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P. Stewart	7. Woodbine Close.	P. Stewart	7/9/01.
L. Griffin	18, Kelwood Dr	L Griffin	7/9/01
G MINNS	113 PADDOCK DRIVE.		7/9/01
L. LAPWORTH	3. HORNBEAM DRIVE	L. Lapworth	7/9/01
M. VAZ	2. MARFLEET CLOSE		
A. Cadaido	28 Chatteris Way	A. J. Cadaido	7-9-01.
S. REYNOLDS	77 EVENDONS	S Reynolds	
M. PALMER	2 ADWELL DRIVE	Mike Palmer.	
S. Bavington	15 Bridport Close	S Bavington	
A. Cook	83 The Delph	A Cook	
R K WARD	15 CHITTERING CLOSE		
C. FRANKS	1 PORTER CLOSE	C Franks.	
L. FISHER	23 MERRIFIELD CLOSE	L Fisher	7/9/01.
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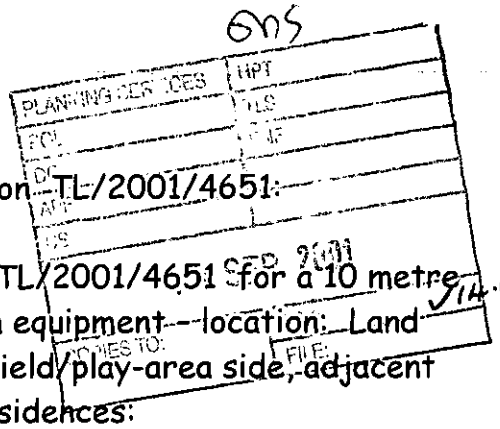

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D. F. MOULD	" "		7.9.2001

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[illegible]	39 Harrington Close.		7.9.01
A R Woodcock	41. Harrington Close		7-9-01
E J Guild	38 Harrington Close.		7.9.01
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A. Lorizou.	29. MAWBRAY CLOSE		7/9/01
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N. AUSTIN	4. MAWBRAY CLOSE		
E H Austin	" " "		
V. B. Brill	3 " "		
D. F. BRABON	7 MAWBRAY CLOSE		7.9.01
J. T. Brabon	4, Mawbray Close		
N. Purdie.	6 Mawbray Close.		
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T Palmer	2 Number Drive Lower Earley	T. PALMER

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Catherine Radford	Wickham Road L/E.	C Radford 7-9-01
Joe Bennison	Fareham Close. L. Earley.	7.9.01
Sheila Brown	Elveden Close Lower Earley	S Brown. 7.9.01
Caroline Milhench	THEDELPH L.E.	C Milhench 7/9/01.
Sue Giles	DODDINGTON CLOSE	S Giles.
Sharon Wheeler	Wickham Rd. L/E.	7/9/01
S. Charalambous	Flamborough close.	S Charalambous
T. Osborne.	51 Chatteris Way Lower Earley	T. Osborne. 7/9/01
L Langham	15 Saltergate Close Lower Earley	Linda M Langham 7/9/01.
L. G. Cambridge	32 Harrington Close Lower Earley	L. G. Cambridge
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Richard Kitching	" " "	R Kitching
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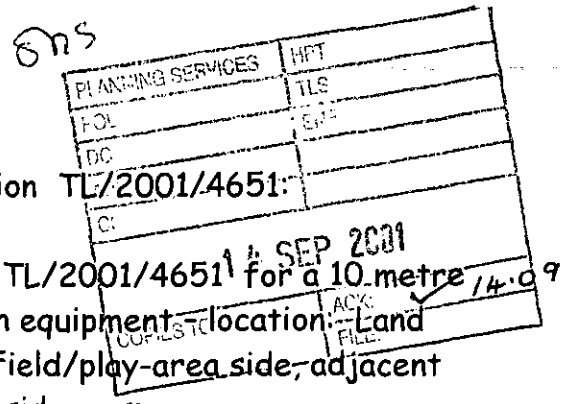

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J. Clarke	29 Lambourne Gardens	J. Clarke	6/9/01

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SAM COLQUHOUN	42, WIMBLINGTON DRIVE L.E.		6/9/01
Ginette Philpott	33 Chilcombe Way L.E		6/9/01
A ELLISON	91 THE DELPH L.E		6/9/01
Sharon Parker	5 Lowestoft close		
S BOWNES	92 THE DELPH.		6/9/01
P Purdy.	8, Alder clo		6/9/01
J.R. Roberts	2 Bourn close, LE		
A.J. Waite	2, Adwell Drive LE		
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John Barnes	17 Doddington Close		
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C. Williamson	151 Bourn Close. RG6 4BH.		6/9/01.
C. Gledhill	18, Fringford Close RG6 4JU.		6/9/01
~~T. Williams~~	29, Easby Way RG6 3XA	T WILLIAMS	6/9/01.
M. WELCH	60 HAWKEDON WAY RG6 3AP		6/9/01
J. JONES	9 SHEFFLING CLOSE RG6 3XS		6/9/01
K. Maker	31 Fordham Way Lower Earley		6/9/01
J. SHI	10 Forndon close Lower Earley		6/9/01
C.K. SOUTH C.K. South	47 The Delph Lower Earley		6/9/01
M. Waugh	58 The Delph " "		6-9-01
S. Johnson	11 Hollym Close, Lower Earley		6-9-01
IOCIA RENOBALES	107 PADDICK DRIVE LOWER EARLEY		6-9-01
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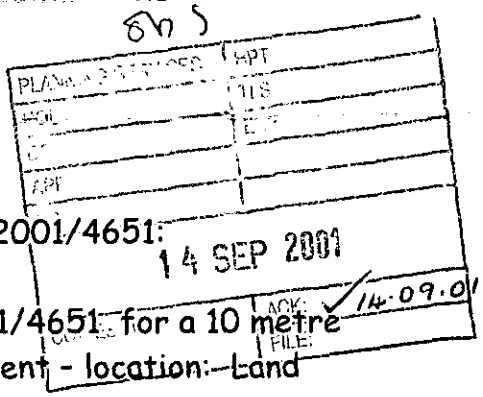

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IAN PALMER	33 SWEPSTONE CLOSE LOWER EARLEY BERKS RG63EZ		9 SEPT 2001

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mrs T. Potter	614, Wokingham Rd Early	T Potter	6/9/01
mrs C. Finch	23 Alder close, lower Earley	C Finch	7/9/01
Miss L. Armstrong	21 EASINGTON DRIVE LOWER EARLEY	L Armstrong	7/9/01
MRS SUEDDON	7 CHESTERMENT WAY LOWER EARLEY.	J Sueddon	7/9/01
MRS. N. HUNJAN	53, HANKEDON WAY, LOWER EARLEY.	Harinder	7/9/01
MRS J. TOANG	22, THE DELPH. LOWER EARLEY.		7/9/01
MRS M. McDONALD	55 HANKEDON WAY LOWER EARLEY	M. McDonald	7/9/01
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D. BALLANTINE	11 SUTCLIFFE AVE EARLEY	DBallantine	7/9/01
S. BUTT	1 JAY CLOSE, Lower EARLEY READING RG6 4HE	S. Butt.	
Michelle Hopper	4, Fordham Way Lower Earley	M. Hopper	
S EVANS	3 Miller Drive Winnersh	SM Evans	
S. GRANT	1 ERISWELL CLOSE LOWER EARLEY	S Grant	7/9/01
P. TURNER	68 CHILCOMBE WAY	P. Turner	7/9/01
J. LUNN	8, BURNSTON CLOSE L/ EARLEY	J. Lunn	7.9.01

WORK SHEET FOR : Joss Miller

Application Number : TL/2001/4651

Applicant : BT Cellnet Ltd C/O Centac Ltd.

Location : Land Adjacent To Underpass Laurel Park, Rushey Way, Lower Earley, Reading.

Proposal : Proposed erection of one 10 metre telecommunications mast and associated equipment cabin

Site Notice Displayed ? :

YES	NO	DATE
✓		28/8

Date of Neighbour Notifications : 22/8

Date of Site Visit : 28/8

Date Registered : 20/08/2001

Earliest Date for Decision : 14/09/2001

Latest Consultation Date/Site Notice Expiry Date : 14/09/2001

This application will have expired on: 01/10/2001. You need to make a decision 1 day prior to this date for this application to count as determined in less than 8 weeks.

Consultation Responses :

All neighbours within 200 metres consulted.
Neighbours - object - 154 No. - Prox to res. props & park, perceived health risk
Petition 451 signatures - object " " "
Earley TC - object " " "

Planning Issues :
Effect on street scene & neighbouring properties WBC1.
Identified settlement.

Application Number: TL/2001/4651

Appraisal :

This application is for a 10m mast and equipment cabin.

Neighbours.
The nearest residence from the proposal would be 16m from the boundary of the garden and 21m from the dwelling. This is a high density residential area. The mast would be immediately adjacent to Lannel Park. It would be within close proximity to a number of residences, and therefore, would be considered unacceptable.

Street scene.
The proposal is for a monopole & cabin and such would not have an adverse effect on the street scene.

Recomendation : Approval: ☐ **Refusal:** ☑
(tick appropriate box)

Application Number TL/2001/4651
Conditions/Reasons for Refusal

No	Std Con	Std Reas	Non Std Conditions / Reasons for Refusal
			Refuse due to proximity to residential properties

RECORD OF SITE VISIT

SITE ADDRESS: Land Adjacent To Underpass Laurel Park Rushey Way Lower Earley Reading.

APPLICATION NUMBER: TL/2001/4651

OFFICER: Joss Miller

DATE OF SITE VISIT: 28/8

1 SITE/STATUTORY NOTICE DISPLAYED ? Yes

2. DESCRIPTION OF SURROUNDINGS

Id sett.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SITE/BUILDING

High density res. props. Adj to park.

4. RELATIONSHIP TO ADJOINING PROPERTIES

See above.

5. SITE CONSTRAINTS

TREES —

ACCESS/PARKING —

LEVELS —

BOUNDARY TREATMENT open

OTHERS —

BTCellnet

BTCellnet
1 Brunel Way
Slough, Berkshire
SL1 1XL

Tel.: 01753 564262

13 Aug 2001

BTCELLNET PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SITE
CELL ID 17575 – LOWER EARLY

Please find enclosed radio coverage plots and EMF predictions in respect of proposed BTCellnet Cell Site 17575. Plots are on scale of 1:25,000 and can be overlaid on Ordnance Explorer Map 159. All information shown has been calculated using BTCellnet planning tools.

Cell 17575 has been designed primarily to improve mobile telephone coverage along the Rushey Way. It will also cater for future traffic capacity requirements in the area. The Cell antennas will be orientated at 0, 120 and 240 degrees. The proposed structure is a 10 metre Street Furniture. A street furniture macrocell site is designed for the deployment of GSM900 and UMTS capability on roadside verges, pavements or similar areas of general public access, or where very demanding planning rules necessitate the bare minimum of plant intrusion. It resembles a lamppost and the antennas are integrated within the column and have no external bolts.

BTCellnet certifies that the proposed equipment and installation is designed to be in full compliance with the requirements of the radio frequency (RF) public exposure guidelines of the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), as expressed in EU Council recommendation of 12 July 1999 (Reference: 199/519/EC) "on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0Hz to 300GHz)".

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above phone number.

Yours Faithfully

Ariel Gache
Radio Network Design Engineer
Radio Design and Planning
Zone 2- Anglia Region
BTCellnet

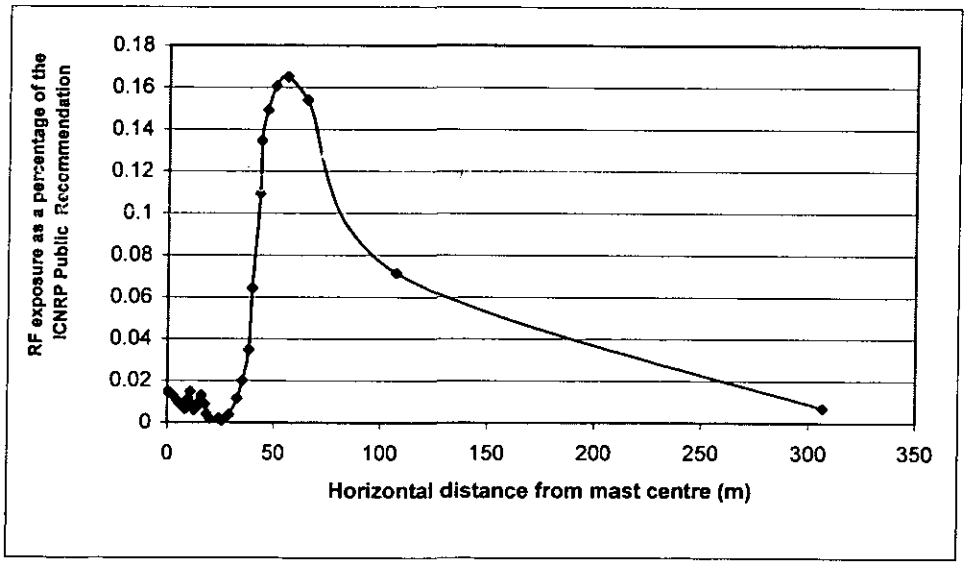
BT CELLNET ANTENNA FIELD STRENGTH PREDICTION

SITE: 17575 - LOWER EARLY

BTcellnet

Range from	0	m
Range to	500	m
900 MHz Band:		
Number of carriers	2	
ERP per carrier	100	Watts relative to a dipole
1800 MHz Band:		
Number of carriers	0	
ERP per carrier	100	Watts relative to a dipole
3rd Generation:		
Number of carriers	2	
ERP per carrier	100	Watts relative to a dipole
Mechanical tilt	0	degrees
Antenna Height	9.5	m - measured local ground to antenna centre
Measurement height	0	m - above local ground
Building losses	0	dB

The graph below shows the RF exposure from a typical cellular radio transmit antenna , with site characteristics as given above, expressed as a percentage of the ICNIRP General Public RF exposure recommendation.



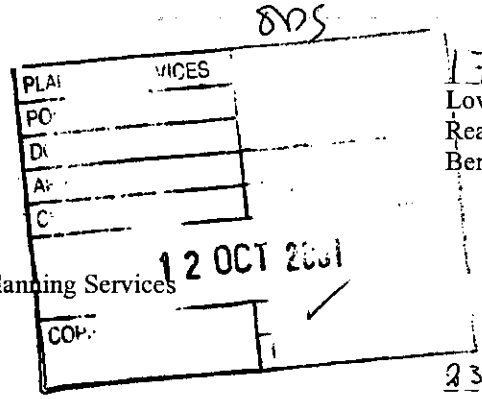
maximum =	10.45	Thousandths of Watts per sq m
at	55.66	metres from the mast
	0.02015	% of NRPB safety levels
	0.16504	% of ICNRP safety level
equivalent to	2.0	Volts per metre

Warnings:
None

Date 13-Aug-01

BT Cellnet Radio Design

BDS



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Environmental Services Department - Planning Services
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23 Sept 2001

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Please accept the strength of local objections and reject the TL/2001/4651 mast application.

Yours sincerely

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(MRS JEGORDON)

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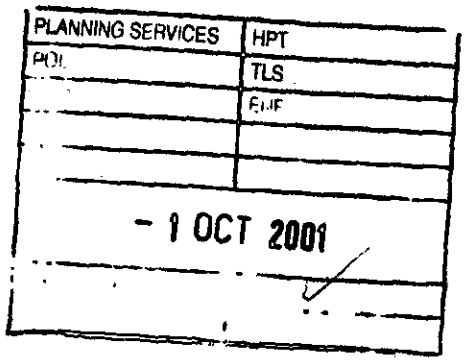

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25th September 2001

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TL/2001/4651	Stephen Kent 53 Marefield Lower Earley READING RG6 3DZ
TL/2001/4651	R.J. Stringer And D.M. Stringer 6 Marefield Lower Earley READING RG6 3DZ
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TL/2001/4651	Philip Marsh 43 Marefield READING Berkshire RG6 3DZ
TL/2001/4651	Mrs. A.M. Daly & Mr. P.J. Daly 9 Harrington Close, Earley READING RG6 3BU



TL/2001/4651	Helen Watters 64 Measham Way Lower Earley READING RG6 4ES
TL/2001/4651	Mrs J.D. Swain 39 Harrington Close Lower Earley READING RG6 3BU
TL/2001/465	Rachael Hynes 6 Sibson Lower Earley READING RG6 3DU
TL/2001/4651	Paul Allison 52 Measham Way Lower Earley READING RG6 4ES
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TL/2001/4651	Mrs Catherine Evans 37 Swepstone Close Lower Earley READING RG6 3EY
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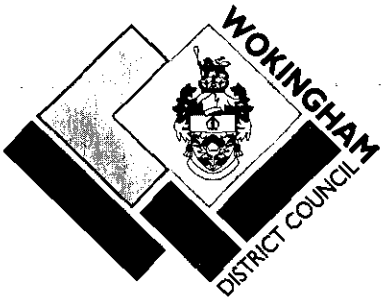

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Dr. Hitesh Rana
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Lower Earley
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Mr & Mrs G.P. Roberts
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Geoff Smith
43 Ratby Close
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TL/2001/4651
Mr O & Mrs S.J. Smith
32 Swepstone Close
Lower Earley
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RG6 3EZ

TL/2001/4651
John & Ann Turton
Cartref Dedwydd
60 Measham Way
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Mr. D.V. & Mrs. S.A. Williams
36 Marefield
Lower Earley
READING
RG6 3DZ

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Mr & Mrs. N.W. Williams
1 Knossington Close
Lower Earley
READING
RG6 4EU



TL/2001/4651 Keith Alexander
42 Ratby close
Lower Earley
READING
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TL/2001/4651 Mrs H. Bell
25 Sibson
Lower Earley
READING
RG6 3DU

TL/2001/4651 David Goulston
30 Harrington Close
Lower Earley
READING
RG6 3BU

TL/2001/4651 Christopher Wheeler
38 Sellafield Way
Lower Earley
READING
RG6 3BT

TL/2001/4651 Robert Thomas
51 Measham Way
Lower Earley
READING
RG6 4ES

TL/2001/4651 Mrs R.A. Logue
10 Mawbray Close
Lower Earley
READING
RG6 3BZ

TL/2001/4651 Owner/Occupier
3 Harrington close
Lower Earley
READING
RG6 3BU

TL/2001/4651 Cheryl and Michael Walker
55 Swepstone Close
Lower Erley
READING
RG6 3EY

TL/2001/4651 J.K. Symington
57 Swepstone Close
Lower Earley
READING
RG6 3EY



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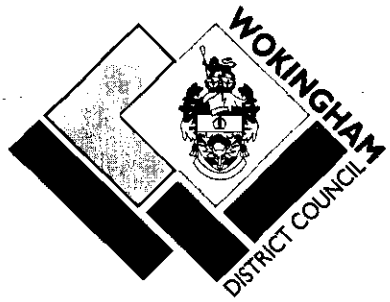

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RG6 3DY

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45 Marefield
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RG6 3DZ

TL/2001/4651 R Lindsay
71 Marefield
Lower Earley
Reading
RG6 3DZ

Tl/2001/4651 Mr Stephen
16 Marefield
Lower Earley
Reading
RG6 3DZ

TL/2001/4651 M & S Wroot
22 Sweptstone Close
Lower Earley
Reading
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Lower Earley
Reading
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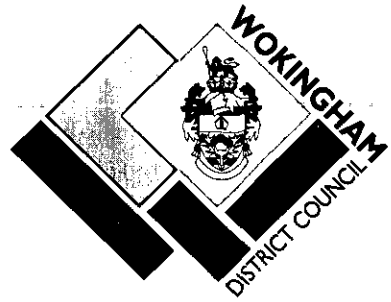

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J Maguire & Petitioners
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Sheila Painter & Petitioners
5 Firmstone Close
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Gary Roberts & Petitioners
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K Chaplin & Petitioners
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Lower Earley
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58 Swepstone Close
Lower Earley
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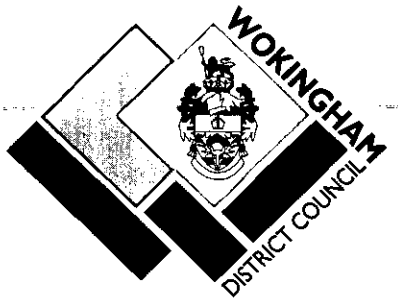

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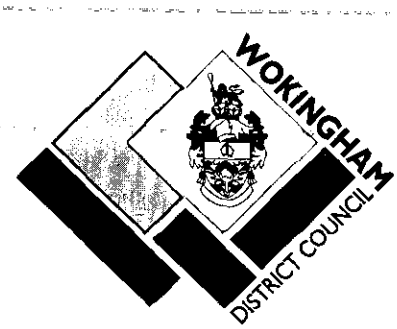

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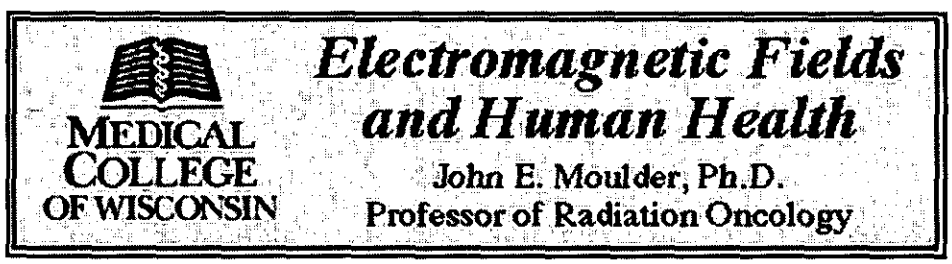

7 October 1999

Mr. C. Michael Armstrong
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Dear Mr Armstrong:

After much thought, I am writing this letter to you, personally, to ask your assistance in solving what I believe is an emerging and serious problem concerning wireless phones. I write this letter in the interest of the more than 80 million wireless phone users in the United States and the more than 200 million worldwide. But I also write this letter in the interest of your industry, a critical part of our social and economic infrastructure.

Since 1993, I have headed the WTR surveillance and research program funded by the wireless industry. The goal of WTR has always been to identify and solve any problems concerning consumers' health that could arise from the use of these phones. This past February, at the annual convention of the CTIA, I met with the full board of that organization to brief them on some surprising findings from our work. I do not recall if you were there personally, but my understanding is that all segments of the industry were represented.

At that briefing, I explained that the well-conducted scientific studies that WTR was overseeing indicated that the question of wireless phone safety had become confused.

Specifically, I reported to you that:

? The rate of death from brain cancer among handheld phone users was higher than the rate of brain cancer death among those who used non-handheld phones that were away from their head;

? The risk of acoustic neuroma, a benign tumour of the auditory nerve that is well in range of the radiation coming from a phone's antenna, was fifty percent higher in people who reported using cell phones for six years or more, moreover, that relationship between the amount of cell phone use and this tumour appeared to follow a dose-response curve:

? The risk of rare neuro epithelial tumours on the outside of the brain was more than doubled, a statistically significant risk increase, in cell phone users as compared to people who did not use cell phones;

? There appeared to be some correlation between brain tumours occurring on the right side of the head and the use of the phone on the right side of the head;

? Laboratory studies looking at the ability of radiation from a phone's antenna to cause functional genetic damage were definitively positive, and were following a dose-response relationship.

I also indicated that while our overall study of brain cancer occurrence did not show a correlation with cell phone use, the vast majority of the tumours that were studied, were well out of range of the radiation that one would expect from a cell phone's antenna. Because of that distance, the finding of no effect was questionable. Such mis-classification of radiation exposure would tend to dilute any real effect that may have been present. In addition, I reported to you that the genetic damage studies we conducted to look at the ability of radiation from the phones to break DNA were negative, but that the positive finding of functional DNA damage could be more important, perhaps indicating a problem that is not dependent on DNA breakage, and that these inconsistencies needed to be clarified. I reported that while none of these findings alone were evidence of a definitive health hazard from wireless phones, the pattern of potential health effects evidenced by different types of studies, from different laboratories, and by different investigators raised serious questions.

Following my presentation, I heard by voice vote of those present, a pledge to "do the right thing in following up these findings" and a commitment of the necessary funds.

When I took on the responsibility of doing this work for you, I pledged five years. I was asked to continue on through the end of a sixth year, and agreed. My tenure is now completed. My presentation to you and the CTIA board in February was not an effort to lengthen my tenure at WTR, nor to lengthen the tenure of WTR itself. I was simply doing my job of letting you know what we found and what needed to be done following from our findings. I made this expressly clear during my presentation to you and in many subsequent conversation with members of your industry and the media.

Today, I sit here extremely frustrated and concerned that appropriate steps have not been taken by the wireless industry to protect consumers during this time of uncertainty about safety. The steps I am referring to specifically followed from the WTR program and have been recommended repeatedly in public and private for and by me and other experts from around the world. As I prepare to move away from the wireless phone issue and into a different public health direction. I am concerned that the wireless industry is missing a valuable opportunity by dealing with these public health concerns through politics, creating illusions that more research over the next several years helps consumers today, and false claims that regulatory compliance means safety. The better choice by the wireless industry would be to implement measured steps aimed at true consumer protection.

Alarmingly, indications are that some segments of the industry have ignored the scientific findings suggesting potential health effects, have repeatedly and falsely claimed that wireless phones are safe for all consumers including children, and have created an illusion of responsible follow up by calling for and supporting more research. The most important measures of consumer protection are missing: complete and honest factual information to allow informed judgement by consumers about assumption of risk; the direct tracking and monitoring of what happens to consumers who use wireless phones; and, the monitoring of changes in the technology that could impact health.

I am especially concerned about what appear to be actions by a segment of the industry to conscript the FCC, the FDA and The World Health Organization with them in following a non-effectual course that will likely result in a regulatory and consumer backlash.

As an industry, you will have to deal with the fallout from all of your choices, good and bad, in the long term. But short term, I would like your help in effectuating an important public health intervention today.

The question of wireless phone safety is unclear. Therefore, from a public health perspective, it is critical for consumers to have the information they need to make an informed judgement about how much of this unknown risk they wish to assume in their use of wireless phones. Informing consumers openly and honestly about what is known and not-known about health risks is not liability laden - it is evidence that your industry is being responsible, and doing all it can to assure safe use of its products.

The current popular backlash we are witnessing in the United States today against the tobacco industry is derived in large part from perceived dishonesty on the part of that industry in not being forthright about health effects. I urge you to help your industry not repeat that mistake.

As we close out the business of the WTR, I would like to openly ask for your help in distributing the summary findings we have complied of our work. This last action is what always has been anticipated and forecast in the WTR's research agenda. I have asked another organization with which I am affiliated, The Health Risk Management Group (HRMG) , to help us with this public health intervention step, and to put together a consumer information package for widespread distribution. Because neither WTR nor HRMG have the means to effectuate this intervention, I am asking you to help us do the right thing.

I would be happy to talk to you personally about this.

Sincerely yours

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HEALTH HAZARDS FROM WEAK NON-IONISING ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION

regarding proposed mobile telephony base stations

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the present scientific evidence of adverse health effects from chronic exposure to mobile telephony base stations and other microwave installations.

1.1 Ever since the first deployment of radar in the 1940s there have been persistent reports of adverse health effects from microwave (MW) exposure at weak power flux densities. These include the carcinogenic irradiation of the Moscow US Embassy in the 1950s, reported over-representation of Downs Syndrome children near radar installations in the 1960s, a concerned conclusion by the US Congress subcommittee on Electromagnetic Radiation Management and Control (ERMAC) in the 1970s, and a large scale Chinese study of immune competence among young people living near MW/RF sources in the 1980s (see History section for a fuller account).
1.2 In the 1990s however, with the emergence of broadcast mobile telephony, the issue has begun to dominate both public and scientific agenda. Prior to that time many laboratory studies concentrated on MW frequencies at 2.45GHz., this being the frequency used by domestic microwave ovens. This research reported a wide variety of adverse effects on animals. Aside from one large Polish study published in 1988 and followed up in 1996, and several animal studies of both negative and positive outcome, however, the epidemiology of mobile phone handset usage and base station

exposure has been minimal. The $25 million initiative announced by the US Cell phone industry in 1992 fell far short of its declared research objectives, leading to media criticisms. Only in the last year (1997) have large scale research initiatives been announced to address this issue, with new multi-million dollar programmes announced by the EU, WHO, and the Australian Government, though results will take upto five years to report. In the UK a pilot project has just been awarded by the Dept. of Health specifically seeking to establish whether there are adverse effects on human volunteers from mobile telephone handset exposure.

1.3 The thermal effects of MW exposure at levels of field strength sufficient to heat tissue are now well accepted, and form the basis of most but not all present advisory standards, guidelines, and limits. Nevertheless it is also accepted that resonant effects exist below these thermal levels, and this is evidenced by recommendations from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the World Health Organisation (WHO), The US National Council for Radiological Protection and Measurement (NCRP), and the Federal Drug Administration (FDA). A subcommittee (SC228) of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) is still considering the scientific evidence.

1.4 The adverse effects of whole body resonance as a concept (between say 40-120 MHz. for human beings) has already to some extent been incorporated into standard-setting, but it is now being appreciated that organ resonance and even smaller corporeal components are vulnerable to "hot spots" at higher frequencies than those involved in whole body resonance.

1.5 This in turn implicates mobile telephone frequencies: the resonant frequency of the human infant skull for example is around 700-800MHz., whereas many mobile phones irradiate at nearby frequencies around 900 MHz. Laboratory studies are beginning to suggest that power density may not be the correct biological effector, but rather that frequency, (particularly when modulated at ELF frequencies) has an important role to play in observed adverse health effects. Damage to hormone synthesis systems as melatonin (MLT), to key enzymes such as ornithine decarboxylase (ODC), to the nuclear DNA macromolecule implicating mutation or solid tumour formation, to the blood brain barrier (BBB), to immune competence and teratogenicity, and in cataract formation are among the studies now in the scientific literature, with some already replicated in several laboratories.

1.6 Some proposed mobile phone base stations consist of three antennae, of undeclared wattage output, but of presumably frequency of 900MHz. and/or 1.8GHz., these being the frequencies usually allocated to mobile telephony. It would be of assistance to have better information in this regard.

1.7 Without knowing the antennae's equivalent radiated power output one cannot calculate the power density at a given metres distance, and in any case this is unlikely to be more than a crude estimate, since it is time-dependant. There is little doubt however that such radiations are far lower than levels which might induce thermal effects.

1.8 Guidelines, standards, and regulatory limits exist in some parts of the world for avoiding thermal effects by occupational groups and the public, though these

guidelines differ greatly between authorities (which examples the present uncertainties over the correct metric to be applied).

1.9 There is an increasing body of peer reviewed scientific literature reporting adverse health effects from RF/MW exposures well below thermal limits, particularly when modulated at ELF frequencies. These adverse effects include severe and persistent headache, depressive illness, asthenias, loss of short term memory, Downs syndrome among neonatal exposees, myeloid leukaemias among adults, myalgic encephalomyelitis, and more recently lowered melatonin synthesis, permeabilisation of the blood brain barrier, increased incidence of lymphoma and solid tumours of the brain. Major studies reporting these are attached as an appendix.

CONCLUSIONS

1.10 Against a background of increasing scientific concern and new important research endeavours to reach answers sufficient to form a basis for better standard-setting, this report evaluates the latest scientific literature, examines possible effects from installations on vicinal populations, and recommends prudent avoidance by relocation of the masts into adjoining areas such as public parkland.

THE SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND

3.1 Results of major research studies in bioelectromagnetics are reported at the annual meetings of the Bioelectromagnetics Society, the biennial congresses of the European Bioelectromagnetics Assocation, their quinquennial World Congresses, and an increasing number of smaller conferences in different parts of the world, mostly organised by establishment institutions such as the IEE in the UK, The IEEE in the US, or by various Government agencies such as the Dept of Energy Contractors' Review. Anyone pretending competence in bioelectromagnetics should as a prerequisite be familiar with the ongoing dialogues in these fora, or better still be an active presenter of research to this community. It is noteworthy that the NRPB do not routinely attend EBEA meetings, have not attended the latest DoE reviews, and the majority of their publications are not peer reviewed.

3.2 It is also important to recognise that scientists familiar with ionising radiation are part of a quite different set of disciplines whose literature rarely merges, with only a few journals covering both parts of the EM spectrum. Scientists familiar with ionising radiation therefore are not likely to be equally familiar with bioelectromagnetics, and should not be construed as expert.

3.3 There are some 600 members of BEMS and some 300 of the EBEA, with a few dozen belonging to both. These scientists form the core of global bioelectromagnetics research, and it is disappointing that of these only about six EBEA members are from the UK, reflecting a dearth of expertise in that country.

BIOLOGICAL MECHANISMS OF INTERACTION

4.1 A recent letter in the Irish Times (18 February 1998) from Professor Philip Walton of Galway University Physics Dept. well illustrates the viewpoint of physicists approaching the issue of mechanisms for the first time without familiarity with bioelectromagnetics literature. Such arguments are by no means new, having been first propounded as early as 1964 (Barnothy, 1964).

4.2 Walton argues that a person exposed to radiation from a typical ESAT base station would experience a temperature rise at the most of 0.004 degrees, less than that of light manual work. Moreover he points out that the human body itself gives out some 0.3 mW/cm2 at 300MHz., three times the base station power flux density. Finally Walton argues that we have been exposed to TV transmissions for over 50 years, often located in built up areas, and then claims that the Dolk 1997 results (which studied 21 TV and RF transmitters in relation to cancer risk) "could find no significant health effect".

4.3 In fact the Dolk studies covering the period 1974 to 1986 reported significant over-representation of adult cancers (principally leukaemias - Odds Ratio 1.83 within 2 km.- skin cancers and cancers of the bladder) with significant declines in risk with distance from four of the transmitters (Sutton Coldfield, Wenvoe, Rowridge and Crystal Palace) and excess risk near two more (Sandy Heath and Winter Hill), and concluded that the two studies gave very weak support overall to the existence of an association between adult cancer exposure. Incidence before 1974 was much lower, and in any case most UHF TV transmitters only began broadcasting in 1965, only about 33 years ago (not over 50 years ago!), only achieving three frequencies by 1971.

4.4 Physicists have been puzzled that such weak energies, too weak to break chemical bonds, clearly have biological effects. They have not taken into acount that Nature has, through evolutionary development, prepared organisms for using electrons, charges, and magnetic fields in a variety of ways. For example the magnetic sensitivity of marine mammals like whales enable them to find their basking grounds across featureless oceans using the geomagnetic field of the earth. The ampullae of Lorenzini in sharks are sensitive to one millionth of a Volt per metre, whereby they can detect their prey, a talent shared by the humble duck-billed platypus, similarly sensitive to worms' electric fields in the topsoil. Indeed, exquisite electromagnetic sensitivity in fishes, birds, insects and mammals, and their application in navigation predation and mating has been reported for some decades (e.g. Lissmann, Machin et al., 1958; Callahan, 1965; Warnke, 1989, etc), even without taking the obvious examples of glow worms and fireflies into account.

4.5 Nearly all the energy normally produced by a human body is achieved via mitochondrial synthesis of adenosine triphosphate (ATP). To judge from oxygen consumption some 40 percent of ATP is made in the brain. The process is dependent on electron transport, and recent studies have shown that imposition of an external electric field depolarises the mitochondrial membrane, lowering ATP production. This kind of effect plausibly explains the asthenias commonly reported by microwave exposed subjects. Moreover positive ions affect blood rheology (Glaser, 1993), and

hence the bioavailabliity of molecular oxygen, (which acts as a final electron acceptor in ox-phos pathways). There is evidence that severely lowered oxygen availability is by itself carcinogenic (Warburg, 1936; Goldblatt & Cameron, 1952).

4.6 Furthermore there is also now evidence that exposure to cell phone frequencies lowers daytime melatonin production in human subjects (Burch, Reif et al., 1997), yet another candidate for explaining how such weak fields are influencing organic life. Several laboratories have shown EM field effects on melatonin at a cellular level (Blask, 1988; Liburdy, 1997; Luben, 1997 etc.).

4.7 Another is the radical pair hypothesis advanced by Wallaczek in California and separately by MacLaughlan at Oxford. He suggests that weak magnetic fields may slow down the recombination of electron pairs split during normal chemical reactions sufficiently to create damaging free radicals within tissue, leading to carcinogenesis. In this context it is noteworthy that ubiquinone (an ubiquitous electron transport coenzyme in the Warburg-Dickens ox-phos pathway) operates by temporarily converting to a free radical (ubisemiquinone) during its normal function.

4.8 Furthermore (but by no means finally) it is known that weak electric fields affect intracellular calcium, an important second messenger used in a wide variety of organic processes. For example, the indispensable dehydrogenases early in the ox-phos chain are calcium dependent, and are therefore rate limiting for ATP synthesis, so altered Ca2+ levels in mitochondrial inner membranes will also affect ATP synthesis (Parratt, 1985).

4.9 Given this plethora of natural processes affected by weak non-ionising EM fields and radiation, it is not surprising that no single mechanism enjoys consensus: the truth is likely that the novel exposure of mankind to alternating electric fields and radiation, a feature of evolutionary history unique to this century and now acknowledged far to exceed influences from the earth or the solar system (NRPB, 1992), is an event for which we are not prepared by evolution, with inevitably adverse sequelae.

REGULATORY STANDARDS, GUIDELINES, AND LIMITS

5.1 The extent of regulatory uncertainty regarding RF/MW radiation hazard is well illustrated by the variety of uncoordinated standards, guidelines, and limits in force in different parts of the world. The table below sets out some of these where they relate to exposure of the public. In some countries occupational exposures are substantially different from those for public exposure.

Reference Body Frequency E-field E-field Power Power MHz. dBmV/m V/m W/m mW/cm2

INIRC (1988) 900 152 41 4.5 450 1800 155 58 9 900

ANSI (1990) 900 153 47 6 600 1800 156 66 12 1200

NRPB (1993) 900 161 112 33 3300 1800 166 194 100 10000

CENELEC (1995) 900 152 41 4.5 450 1800 155 58 9 900

Miscellaneous: Two USAF bases 30-100000 126 20 1 100

Other experts 100-2500 129 3 0.02 2

New South Wales 800-2000 96 0.06 0.00001 0.001 (1997)

Source: Powerwatch, 1998

5.2 It can be seen that there is a great discrepancy between different authorities, with miscellaneous experts advocating far lower limits than the NRPB whose investigations levels are way above those elsewhere in Europe. These experts include The US Environmental Protection Agency and the US Federal Drug administration, who have long argued that thermal limits do not represent adequate protection, and that athermal effects must also be considered. The US National Council for Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) is expected to issue a detailed report on RF/MW frequency health effects and advice in the near future, and sources close to its committee indicate that it will also be advocating limits based on athermal effects.

5.3 Powerwatch point out that the maximal natural thermal background, despite having increased dramatically in the post war period, at 900-1800 MHz. is still only somewhere between 10-30mV/m (equivalent to 20dBmV/m and 30 dBmV/m) based on 20-200 attoWatts/cm2 per MHz.

5.4 The man-made "electrosmog" level is usually below 100mW/m (40dBmV/m), with even very strong broadcast TV transmitter (e.g. at 500MHz.) or FM radio transmitter (e.g. at 100MHz.) signals not exceeding 0.1 V/m (100dBmV/m). The maximum levels in public places from a cell phone base station are usually between 100 and 120dBmV/m (0.03 to 0.3 V/m) though levels near base stations have been measured at upto 140bDmV/m (10 V/m) which would mean peak levels of 20-50V/m due to the pulsed nature of GSM.

5.5 The CENELEC limits of 41 V/m at 900MHz. (58V/m at 1800MHz.) are designed only to protect against thermal effects. In order to approach a practical solution taking into account non-thermal effects Powerwatch of Cambridge suggests a limit of 1V/m between 100MHz. and 2GHz., which should not prove onerous for cell phone companies.

5.6 In placing these emissions in the context of recent literature, it is instructive to read the views of the Expert Group set up by the European Union (see below).

PRESENT RESEARCH INITIATIVES

6.1 In response to scientific and public concerns a number of important institutions have announced large research initiatives during the last year. Details of these and others are set out below. The European Commission

6.2 Between January and September 1996 the European Commission-appointed Expert Group prepared a 140 pp. report proposing a research programme to investigate possible health effects related to the use of radiotelephones (mobile phones). Their preface acknowledges that though a large database exists for ELF EM field health effects, there are "far fewer data for radiofrequency (including microwave) fields, and very few indeed related to the emissions and exposures specific to radiotelephones. A comprehensive health hazard assessment requires such data".

6.3 The Expert Group included Professor Bach Anderson from Aalborg University, Professor Kjell Hansson Mild from National Institute for Working Life, Sweden, Dr Bernard Veyret from Bordeaux University and seven others including Dr Alistair McKinlay from NRPB. The timescale envisaged by the group was 1-4 years, with epidemiology likely to exceed this period, and a budget of 23,813,000 ECU (divided 15.6m for biological, 7.5m for epidemiology, and 0.7 m for management.).

6.4 The detailed considerations of the Expert group are too many to discuss here, but clearly identified a number of studies on which their concerns are based, and cited well over 200 scientific studies. For example the Group noted that tube restrained (i.e. stressed) mice exhibit important changes in white blood cells, with leukocyte migration to the skin (Dhabar & McEwan, 1995) and that RF exposure may therefore affect leukocyte competence in near skin tissue. Sleep disturbance and hypersensitivity issues were also raised, but Genetic, Cancer, Immune system and Nervous system studies were the main categories recommended for *in vivo* biological research.

6.5 The Expert group review of epidemiological studies of brain cancers in relation to RF exposure identified 11 studies, only three of which failed to show an elevated incidence of risk. Four other studies are still ongoing, though results of the first of these to report (a 10,000 questionnaire survey) has been delayed for re-analysis. World Health Organisation (WHO)

6.6 The WHO drafted and agreed a 5 year research proposal, and by June 1996 over 20 countries were actively involved, with funding currently available for only two years, implying an ongoing funding requirement. International Commission on Non Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP)

6.7 This ongoing body is chartered by the International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA) and mainly reviews the compliance of emissions from devices including mobile telephones and base stations with recommended exposure guidelines. Cooperation on Science and Technology (COST 244)

6.8 The research programme currently includes 21 countries and is involved in cooperative research between eastern bloc countries and the West. The first programme having come to an end, it has now been renewed and is now under the

umbrella of the EU's Technical Committee for Telecommunications, thereby increasing the emphasis on RF studies. LINK-Interaction of the body with handheld radiotelephones (IBREHT)

6.9 This UK research programme was initiated by the UK Govt.'s Dept of Trade and Industry, and has completed three studies of interactions between phones and the human head, using phantoms and numerical models.

6.10 Other bodies such as Forschungsgemeinschaft Funk (FGF), Wireless Technology Research (WTR), have or are also carrying out research, as well as individual University and private laboratories, but not to any extent on base stations. The Expert Group identified some 49 separate research groups, but none from the UK. Nevertheless, the vastness of the current European research programme alone underscores the importance and uncertainties regarding adverse health effects from exposure to mobile phones and their associated base stations. The outcome of these programmes is not likely to be less than four years from now.

WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH: Failure to research?

8.1 In 1992, following intense US media coverage of a legal case where one David Reynard claimed his wife had died of a phone-engendered brain tumour, and mobile phone sales and stocks plummeted, the cell phone industry announced a five year 25 million dollar research initiative. Base stations were not included.

8.2 The research was instituted under a company designated Wireless Research Technology Ltd. and was to be funded by participants from among the US and global mobile phone manufacturing industry. Its directors included Bill Guy, a veteran researcher into RF/MW radiation bioeffects, who had reported increased tumour formation (but few other differences out of 155 parameters) in a large gnotobiotic rat study of long term low level microwave irradiation reported in 1985, but published only in 1992 (Chou, Guy et al., 1992).

8.3 However it gradually emerged during the 1990s that most of the WTR funding, under the direction of George Carlo, had been spent on PR and that funding promises to researchers in the field were not being honoured. This culminated in a 12 minute Canadian TV programme broadcast in September 1997 which savagely indicted the cell phone industry for deceiving the public over health risks.

8.4 Among studies completed by WTR participants (in this case Motorola Inc.) and reported at the 2nd. World Congress (Bologna, June 1997) was a major study (Adey, Byus et al., 1997) of 540 Fischer344 rats exposed in a radial cylinder exposure system to c. 836MHz. The rats were exposed to a speech-modulated FM signal for 2hrs daily (7.5 mins on, 7.5 mins off) from age 35 days for 23 months, then sacrificed and examined for solid tumours of the brain and neck. No "protective" effect was found (a feature suspected in a previous study by the same group) and there were no effects on brain tumour incidence attributable to the FM fields. The exposure system involved a copious supply of oxygen to the rats during exposure inside the cylinders, but the

authors did not comment on the possibility that this may also have had a protective effect, since molecular oxygen is a known electron acceptor in ox-phos pathways.

8.5 Another study of 47 young male rats, this time from Japan, reported at Bologna (Shirai, Imaida et al., 1997) investigated chemically initiated liver carcinogenesis followed by partial hepatectomy and found no statistically significant EMF effects on foci numbers or area of hepatoma from six weeks exposure (90 mins/day) at 929MHz.employing a TDMA signal. The reasons for including partial hepatectomy in the protocol were unclear. In summary, the research initiative announced defensively by the US cell phone industry does not appear to have completed its declared objectives, either in terms of studies or timescale.

SOME RECENT SCIENTIFIC OPINIONS

9.1 It must be clear to the reader of this report that experts reviewing a highly technical subject such as microwave exposure studies can selectively bias their conclusions, to the disadvantage and confusion of the lay reader. Evidence of this possible bias in the NRPB's literature reviews has already been identified. To balance their opinions a miscellany of recent conclusions from bodies arguably of equal expertise is given here. In January 14 1998 the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) wrote to Congressman Edward Markey stating their belief that additional research in the area of RF exposure is needed. Markey, a member of the House telecommunications subcommittee, had asked a number of questions about the status of this research and the performance todate of WTR. The FDA appears reluctant to endorse a continued role for WTR in investigating health related effects, and WTR itself has announced it will not conduct any further long term animal studies, blaming a lack of funds. By contrast the Swedish Radiation Protection Institute (SSI) issued a flyer in December 1997 concluding that mobile phone base stations do not constitute any risk to health. In Sweden the general population can be exposed to upto 450microW/cm2 . In Australia Dr. Andrew Davidson of Fremantle Hospital proposed in a letter (January 5 1998) to the Australian Medical Journal that a rise in brain cancer in Western Australia between 1982 and 1992 may be linked to the introduction of analogue mobile phones, and a 1992 -1995 decline may reflect the introduction of digital models. He called upon Telstra, Australia's largest phone company, to conduct a full epidemiological survey among users, of which there seems little prospect. Moreover the number of analogue users is still at the same level as 1991, so the argument is not clear cut. In the UK a small (£3000) contract has been awarded to Dr. Alan Preece at Bristol University to investigate psychosocial parameters in a 18 subject human mobile phone user study. This is apparently part of a £100,000 research effort largely being carried out without publicity by scientists at Porton Down, which was leaked to the media in February 1998. Preece does not expect to find any positive results.

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT RESEARCH PAPERS

10.1 **Daily, 1943:** This early and rare clinical study published by the US Navy reported that exposure of 45 laboratory technicians to RF/MW frequencies between 400MHz. and 3000MHz. led to possible nervous system effects. A later study of 65 subjects exposed to 3mW/cm2 at 300-3000MHz. for between 2 - 26 years confirmed these findings (Ginzburg, Sadchikova et al., 1968).

10.2 **Harwey, 1960:** In the early days of microwaves this study reported the appearance of temporary or permanent sterility when animal (rat) testes were exposed to microwaves. Other 1960s studies reported decreases in germinal epithelial tissue enzymes (Ceciura & Minecki, 1969), and recommended copper mesh protection (Miro & Delahaye, 1967).

10.3 **Drohicina, 1965:** This early study of 1000 human subjects with more than 5 years exposure to VHF EM fields found as the main symptom an over-representation of asthenovegetative states with EEG alterations in the severest cases.

10.4 **Silverman, 1973:** This early FDA review in the American J. Epidemiology points out that US studies of MW bio-effects virtually ceased after the 1950s, but discusses the various effects being reported in the Eastern bloc from MW exposure at less than thermal levels, including cataractogenesis, auditory, and olfactory threshold changes, severe neurosis, and astrocytoma of the brain. It quotes nine clinical studies (total n = 1219) of chronic MW exposure from Czechoslovakia, Poland, the USA and Russia. All but one of these found adverse effects, including four showing EEG changes and four neurological effects.

10.5 **Lankranjan, Maicanescu et al., 1976:** This study from the Bucharest Institute of Hygiene and Public Health reported that gonadic function in 31 workmen with long term occupational exposure to microwaves was significantly impaired when measured by a number of criteria, including spermatogenesis and lowered sexual libido.

10.6: **Robinette, Silverman et al., (1980):** This negative study compared some 20,000 Korean War personnel during 1950-1954 with possible exposure to radar with a like number with little exposure, but could not establish actual exposure profiles. Using hospital records only one statistical difference was found, namely mental condition, and this was at a higher rate for the low exposed group. The authors stressed the need for better exposure data.

10.7 Lin, Dischinger et al., 1985: This large study examined the EM field and radiation exposure levels of 951 white male Maryland residents who had died of brain tumours between 1969 to 1982. In cases of glioma and astrocytoma (n=519) only those occupationally involved in electrical or electronic engineering showed a statistically significant excess of brain tumours compared with controls.

10.8 **Milham, 1986:** Registry analysis of leukaemia deaths among 1691 male ham radio operators in Washington State and California between 1971 and 1983 revealed a proportionate mortality ratio of 191, nearly twice the expected level.

10.9 **Chiang, Yao et al., 1989:** This Chinese tri-university epidemiological study of

1170 young persons living near RF/MW sources used an objective phagocytosis test to measure immune competence. The authors reported that neutrophil phagocytosis was enhanced in the low intensity exposure groups, but reduced significantly at relatively high intensities. The power densities ranged from 0-4microW/cm2 (low) to 42microW/cm2 (high). Moreover, after MW exposure of above 10microW/cm2 the pupils' visual reaction time was slowed and memory test scores were lower. The authors concluded that EM fields may affect the central nervous and immune system in man.

10.10 **Salford, Brun et al., 1992:** In this study live rats were exposed to microwaves and then assessed for permeability of the blood brain barrier (BBB) by means of a dye. Exposed animals showed more permeable BBBs than non-exposed controls.

10.11 **Kues, McLeod et al., 1988; Monahan, Kues et al., 1988:** This series of FDA studies found that exposure of monkeys to 2.45GHz microwaves at 10mW/cm2 produced vascular leakage.

10.12 **Lai and Singh (1995):** Brain cells from rats were exposed to 2.45GHz. radiation at 3mW/cm2 and assessed for DNA single strand breaks. Four hours afterwards the level of single strand breaks was significantly higher in the exposed cells. Single strand breaks in DNA can lead to carcinogenicity, cell death, and ageing. Since the effect was only seen immediately when continuous wave (but not pulsed) microwaves were used, the authors concluded that parameters other than simple power density are at work.

10.13 **Szmigielski, 1996:** Arguably the largest and most recent occupational study of long term weak microwave exposure, covering some 127,000 Polish military personnel between 1971-1985, the author reported a significant doubling of odds ratio of cancer morbidity among all age groups, with a 6.1 odds ratio for lymphatic malignancy and 1.91 for brain tumours. The largest odds ratio (13.9) was for chronic myeloblastic leukaemia with acute at 8.62, and non-Hodgkins lymphoma at 5.82.

10.14 **Kolodynski & Kolodynska, 1996:** This Latvian study examined the motor and psychological functions of 966 schoolchildren exposed to large radar surveillance transmitters at Skrunda and compared these with unexposed children behind the beam. They found that the younger children had significantly slower reaction times, ability to remember, and attention span.

10.15 **Repacholi et al., 1997:** This Australian study of transgenic mice reported a doubling of lymphoma in mice exposed to EM frequencies similar to those used in mobile telephony.

10.16 **Dolk, Elliott et al., 1997; Dolk, Shaddick et al., 1997:** Twin studies of cancer risk with increasing distance from major TV transmitters found significantly increased risk for adult leukaemias, skin melanoma and bladder cancer with proximity to Sutton Coldfield, Wenvoe, Crystal Palace and Rowridge, and an excess of risk generally within 10 km. of these masts for bladder cancer. Though skin melanoma showed an excess (1.11OR) within 2 km., curiously there appeared a deficit of risk (0.9 OR) for skin melanoma, at 2-10 km. Other transmitters with RF frequencies showed no similar effect. The estimated power densities at these sites range from 0.05 to 1.6

microWatts/cm2.

10.17 **Burch, Reif et al., 1997:** This new joint study of 142 power utility workers by Colorado State and Washington Universities reported substantially lowered daytime melatonin (MLT) synthesis as recorded by urinary excretion of its metabolite 6-OHMS/cr. among frequent users of mobile phones compared with low or non-users. The significance of this finding is that MLT is an oncostatic (cancer-prevention) hormone, and its lowered synthesis may lead to increased cancer risk.

Literature reviews

10.18 **ICNIRP ((R. Matthes, Ed) 1996:** This collection of papers from the proceedings of the 3rd. International Non-ionising Radiation Workshop, Baden Austria, 1996 covers the entire spectrum, with a section on RF containing four papers including a review of biological effects of RF fields by Saunders (NRPB). This paper concludes that *"the effects following exposure to low level radiation have not been well established and are not considered able to provide a basis for restriction on human exposure".*

10.19 **Mobile Communications Safety, 1997 (Kuster, Balzano, and Lin, eds.):** This recent 279pp. book presents 13 papers and covers the ground comprehensively, though without full consensus between authors. For example, Byus and Hawel conclude that weak bioeffects cannot be dismissed out of hand, whereas Bergqvist's review of the epidemiology (which omits several studies referred to in S10 below) concludes that further restrictions are not justified.

10.20 **Cherry, 1997:** Most of the laboratory and human studies, as well as many others (194 refs.) are reviewed in this paper from Lincoln University, New Zealand, particularly those at power densities below 2microWatts/cm2. The author recommends a limit of 0.1microWatts/cm2 if cancer risk is to be avoided, and that mobile telephony masts be located away from residential areas..

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

11.1 In the opinion of some scientists (e.g. Powerwatch February 1998)) the biological (as opposed to thermal) limit for human exposure to RF/MW base station emissions should be in the order of 1V/m. Though the precise radiative parameters of the proposed mast at Vicarage Gate have not been submitted in the planning application, typical base stations emissions are set out in the table below:

11.2 Calculated maximum field strengths for Base Stations

System Type	Power per carrier (W)	No. of carriers	Field strengths E (V/m)	H (A/m)
TACS	20	40	53	0.14
GSM	40	10	38	0.10
DCS1800	20	10	27	0.07
DECT	0.25	1	0.95	0.0025

Source: European Commission Expert Group, November 1997

11.3 The above table was based on a distance of 58 metres, 10 channels for the digital systems and 40 for the TACS system. It would be sensible to obtain from the proposers the necessary information to calculate field strengths more precisely.

11.4 The present (1988) ICNIRP/IRPA guidelines for 900MHz and 1800 MHz respectively are 41 V/m and 58V/m, based on thermal considerations only. A worst case situation would mean exposures of around 3-4 V/m. at around 50 metres, but actually emissions from most installations at that distance would in practice not often exceed 1V/m., and it could be that the proposed mast might be redesigned and so arranged as to meet these prudent limitations.

LEGAL ASPECTS

12.1 The legal implications of mobile telephony base station mast erection near to vicinal residences raises the issue of toxic tort. The research so far carried out by the mobile phone manufacturing industry has almost entirely been confined to handsets, and not to effects from radiation by base stations. Indeed, though similar risk considerations apply to mobile phone handsets, where there is some justification for arguing that while alleged adverse health effects from handsets are being investigated these appliances, arguably the most radiative ever in public use, should carry warning labels in order to comply with section 10 of the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act 1987.

12.2 Attitudes by Local Planning Authorities vary considerably. The most recent (March 1998) planning decision, by Brentwood Council where an application by Orange (Hutchison Telecom) was being considered some 15 metres from a school, was to reject the application by 32 votes to one, with one abstention. The Council passed a motion as follows:

12.3 That the officers should: Refuse on the ground that the presence of two masts in such close proximity to one another would have an unacceptable visual impact within the Green Belt. Write to the Secretary of State demanding an immediate review of PPG8 and in particular to include safety guidelines in a new PPG8. Lobby other Planning Authorities to write to the Secretary of State as in 2. Above. If the Secretary of State does not act in relation to the safety of Telecommunication masts, to

examine ways of enforcing the Maastricht Treaty through Europe if necessary. To table a motion at the Local Government Association in respect of the safety concerns relating to Telecommunication Masts.

12.4 This resolution is interesting in that though the grounds for refusal are given as visual impact, which avoids the objection that health and safety are not legitimate grounds for refusal, the remainder of the motion clearly implicates health concerns.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the present scientific evidence of adverse health effects from chronic exposure to mobile telephony base stations and other microwave installations.

1.1 Ever since the first deployment of radar in the 1940s there have been persistent reports of adverse health effects from microwave (MW) exposure at weak power flux densities. These include the carcinogenic irradiation of the Moscow US Embassy in the 1950s, reported over-representation of Downs Syndrome children near radar installations in the 1960s, a concerned conclusion by the US Congress subcommittee on Electromagnetic Radiation Management and Control (ERMAC) in the 1970s, and a large scale Chinese study of immune competence among young people living near MW/RF sources in the 1980s (see History section for a fuller account).

1.2 In the 1990s however, with the emergence of broadcast mobile telephony, the issue has begun to dominate both public and scientific agenda. Prior to that time many laboratory studies concentrated on MW frequencies at 2.45GHz., this being the frequency used by domestic microwave ovens. This research reported a wide variety of adverse effects on animals. Aside from one large Polish study published in 1988 and followed up in 1996, and several animal studies of both negative and positive outcome, however, the epidemiology of mobile phone handset usage and base station exposure has been minimal. The $25 million initiative announced by the US Cell phone industry in 1992 fell far short of its declared research objectives, leading to media criticisms. Only in the last year (1997) have large scale research initiatives been announced to address this issue, with new multi-million dollar programmes announced by the EU, WHO, and the Australian Government, though results will take upto five years to report. In the UK a pilot project has just been awarded by the Dept. of Health specifically seeking to establish whether there are adverse effects on human volunteers from mobile telephone handset exposure.

1.3 The thermal effects of MW exposure at levels of field strength sufficient to heat tissue are now well accepted, and form the basis of most but not all present advisory standards, guidelines, and limits. Nevertheless it is also accepted that resonant effects exist below these thermal levels, and this is evidenced by recommendations from the US Environmental Protection.

The saga will no doubt continue...

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MOBILE PHONE TECHNOLOGY

A POLICY OF "PRUDENT AVOIDANCE" IN MENDIP

RESOLUTION to Strategy and Resources Committee

THIS COUNCIL:

reaffirms its earlier policy that **"the siting of communication masts should not be allowed on recreational land owned by the Council in residential areas".**

in light of local concerns and European Parliament recommendations o member States (10/3/99), seeks to work with mobile phone operators to:

ensure, in accordance with **THE PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE***, that the telecommunications industry afford the highest levels of protection of the public in the MENDIP area against adverse health ***or potentially harmful long-term effects*** that may result as a consequence of exposure to electromagnetic field from mobile phone equipment.

4a)**ensure that SITE SHARING** of mobile phone masts, and

facilities is the first and major consideration of mobile phone companies, so as to minimise the overall number of mobile phone transmitting sites in the MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL area. Mobile phone operators will be required to provide evidence that they are unable to share on existing sites before additional sites are authorised. The onus will be on all operators to demonstrate their full co-operation.

4b) MENDIP would expect that **existing transmitting sites** fall in

line in respect of the safety concerns outlined in this Policy of Prudent Avoidance. Where possible any sitings of masts in built up

areas should be by cable links not microwave links.

This Council is aware that there are many technical variables relating to a mobile phone transmitter site which make the setting of a Safety Zone a complex one. Mendip expects the Mobile Phone industry to lay down a minimum safety distance from schools, hospital, nursing homes, workplaces and residential areas.

However, there are also human variables to be considered with the technical, and this Council will adopt the **Prudent Avoidance SAFETY LIMIT of 3 Volts / metre in public places and 1 Volt / metre around schools, hospitals, nursing homes and residences** as in **Appendix 1** (levels should be independently measured by use of a spectrum analyser and calibrated antenna after the equipment is installed.

Mendip District Council

will in the interests of staff who work for the Council and who use a Mobile Phone, especially the handheld variety, in the course of their duties, encourage its staff to monitor their daily usage and keep a weekly / monthly log of all such calls. All staff should be issued with adequate warnings about the use of mobile phones and the possibility of providing earpieces should be explored.

will when determining Planning Applications, recognise that public safety is clearly capable of being a material consideration in terms of pollution caused by smoke, fumes, noise or light ; electromagnetic fields, such as those generated at Mobile Phone frequencies, will need to be another public safety consideration not previously taken into account when deciding where to site Mobile Phone Base Stations in Mendip.

will join other local authorities in advising the national Radiological protection Board (NRPB) and Government of the gravity of our health concerns and incorporate them into our planning system. Permitted development Rights clearly do not protect the interests of the public - health implications have to be treated as a major planning consideration.

The Precautionary Principle requires society to take "prudent action when there is sufficient scientific evidence (but not necessarily absolute proof) and that inaction could lead to harm."

Maastricht Treaty article 130-r(2) of the Treaty of Rome (for full text).

International Exposure Levels - Appendix 1

Regulatory Body	Frequency MHz	E Field V/m	Power W/m^2	Power ? W/cm^2
NRPB	900 1800	112 194	33 100	3300 10000
ANSI /IEEE (USA)	900 1800	47 66	6 12	600 1200
CENELEC and CNIRP (Europe)	900 1800	41 58	4.5 9	450 900
PRUDENT AVOIDANCE **(Various experts)**	**800-2500**	**3**	**0.02**	**2**

Source - Powerwatch, 2 Tower Road, Sutton, Ely, Cambs., CB6 2QA

www.powerwatch.org.uk

"Until recently, we believed any harmful effects from microwaves were due to their heating effects...now there might be another effect at work and we are much less certain." Dr John Stather, Assistant Director, NRPB (Sept. 1997)

"It is my personal view that to ignore this in the course of setting standards is irresponsible to the point of being a public scandal."

The Chairman on the U.S. National Council for radiation protection and Measurement in relation to the non-thermal effects of exposure to EMFs (Feb. 1997)

"...there can be little or no doubt that chronic low level exposure to RF/MW radiation produces increased cancer risk"

Dr Neil Cherry, Lincoln University, New Zealand (July 1997)

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SIGHTINGS

The Cell Phone Tower EMF Problem

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THE CELL TOWER EMF PROBLEM

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From Roy L. Beavers <rbeavers@llion.org Posted 10-16-99

Hi everybody:

.....I am in receipt of another excellent document prepared by a solicitors office in the U.K. It is full of good information and some argument about the cell mast (towers) EMF problem as it is seen in the U.K.....

I wonder why the same thorough approach is not being taken in the U.K. with regard to the power lines health hazards?? The evidence to be martialed in that situation is even stronger then the case made below for "prudent" action to minimize the public risks from cell phone towers....

Also, take note of the following comment in the conclusion: "Currently prudence advocates that reliance on the NRPB Guidelines is no longer sufficient." Amen and Amen.....

The NRPB, of course, is confined to a definition which was framed to favor the protection of industry ... rather than the people: requiring that the NRPB recommendations be based on "conclusive" scientific information. That formulation establishes what we call in the U.S. a "stacked deck." The very word "conclusive"

establishes a (legal?) barrier AGAINST 'prudent protection' of the public -- which manifestly should be the highest priority ... in the U.S. or the U.K.....

Cheerio.....(Many thanks to the person who sent this to us. She wishes to be unknown....)

Roy Beavers (EMFguru)..... rbeavers@llion.org.....

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MOBILE PHONES - MOBILE NETWORKS - SAFETY

1. More than a year ago at Dublin Castle on 6th March 1998, the Irish Minister of Public Enterprise, Mrs Mary ORourke, stated this is an issue which will grow and grow and will not go away. Subsequent events have proved her correct in that Public concern worldwide is growing and not diminishing as the Public grows more conversant with possible effects from mobile phone usage.

2. The issue breaks down into two different parts, firstly the safety of using mobiles themselves and secondly and perhaps long-term more importantly, the question of living close to a ground based Telecommunications Mast and Base Station.

3. On the issue of mobiles themselves, it is of course the users choice as to whether

they have a mobile in the first place and then secondly how much they choose to use it. However that choice or consent is entitled to be a properly informed choice or consent. Recent disclosures seem to show that prolonged use of a mobile may not be that safe despite assurances made by the Industry over the last ten years to that effect. On 24th May, Dr George Carlo of the Industrys established WTR in America stated that the Industrys continuing statements that there was no conclusive evidence against mobiles was not a realistic position to take.

4. The main public concern however does not relate to the use of the mobile phones themselves where there is that choice. The problem as perceived by large sections of the public and particularly communities whose privacy has been invaded by the erection of a Mast and Ground Base Station is whether long-term chronic exposure to the low intensity radiation from such facilities is indeed now safe. Bearing in mind that the assurances about the safety of the mobiles themselves when used close to the brain seem now to be somewhat suspect, the question arises as to whether similar assurances relating to the safety of living close to a Ground Based Station and Mast are also realistic. The problem is that such research as has been carried out relates to the mobiles themselves. Little or no published research has been carried out relating to chronic long-term exposure month after month, year after year to living close to a Telecoms Mast.

5. The only indicators, which might tend to provide some evidence relate to other types of masts, i.e. TV Masts, short-wave radio Masts and radar installations. There the North Sydney Australia study showed a significant statistical increase in cancer cases within the triangle of those three Masts in North Sydney. Here the Sutton Coldfield BBC Mast study showed increased radiation levels around the Mast and its near vicinity. In Switzerland, the Schwarzenberg short-wave Mast was thought to be having adverse health effects on the local community for years. When a study was carried out in the mid 1990s by the University of Beme, it was found that the emissions from that mast did have an effect on the people in the vicinity.

This was discovered because during the period of the study there was a significant drop in the symptoms in many people over a three day period within that prolonged study. It was then discovered, which was not known at the time, that the transmitter had failed for those three days and there were no short-wave transmissions. The Swiss government has now closed the Mast down. Incidentally, the Swiss health and environmental officials have proposed strict rules for public exposures from new sources of radio frequency and microwave radiation. If the ordinance is adopted, which appears likely, Switzerland will have the most stringent exposure levels in the world -- based on the precautionary principle -- guideline levels much lower than those recommended by the NRPB.

There is also the evidence of the Soviets irradiation of the US Embassy in Moscow, which produced serious adverse health effects.

There is the Skrunda study in Finland with regard to populations living many kilometres behind the radar installation and those living a similar distance in front of the radar installation. There the health conditions of those living in front of that installation were found to be markedly different, and this has been put down to the effect of the radar transmissions.

Finally there was recently a study funded by the Bavarian State Government in Germany following reported adverse health effects in dairy cattle only after a Telecoms Mast had been erected. It was discovered after a period that the cause of the significant drop in the yield of that herd of cattle and Extraordinary Behaviour Disorders in some of the cows related to the microwave transmissions from that Mast. When the cattle was moved away from its vicinity after a period the milk yield and the behaviour of that herd was totally restored to normal.

However when the cattle were returned to the mast environs their symptoms returned. This was not an isolated incident -- see Loscher and Kas of Universities of Hannover Veterinary School and University of the German Army in Munich 1998.

6. None of these situations appears to relate to thermal heating of any kind. These effects could not be ascribed to thermal heating because the distances involved are far too great. However, they may relate to biological effects from low intensity microwave radiation over prolonged periods. However, the research has not been carried out into cumulative effects. It is necessary to ask why? Perhaps in the light of the Industrys approach over the years to the mobiles themselves, the answer may be fairly obvious?

In the absence of conclusive evidence that mobiles themselves and mobile networks are safe -- something the scientists agreed they can not prove without substantial additional properly structured research -- it is necessary now to use common sense and prudent avoidance. The European Treaties relating to the Environment described common sense as the Precautionary Principle and preventative action -- see Article 130r.

7. What does prudent avoidance, preventative action, precautionary approach mean in practice? No-one wants to prevent the advance of telecommunications. It is a great new boon to living when used sensibly. However, common sense needs to prevail over the economics of the Industrys proliferation. There is no need these days to place Telecommunications Masts and Base Stations too close to permanently occupied residences and childrens schools. The only reason that Masts are placed too close, i.e. the near side rather than the far side of a farmers field is because it is cheaper. Cheaper because it is nearer the electricity supply, cheaper because it is easier for maintenance and access from an adjoining road or track.

However, the requirements are not that spot specific and there is absolutely no reason why a properly erected and located Mast should be closer than a minimum of 200 to 250 metres from any inhabited property, using a ground based Mast and Ground Based Station. Unfortunately the Industry ignores the obvious because it is easier and cheaper, and usually regrettably there is no-one to take them on or to challenge their planning application with the Planning Authorities.

8 Recently groups all over the United Kingdom, including Scotland and Northern Ireland have been successful in showing planning authorities that there is a better way to interpret the outmoded Telecommunications Legislation (1984) the outmoded planning circulars and the general ignorance of the fact that European Union Treaties advocated the Precautionary Principle (1993 Maastricht) to safeguard the public's health. Governments are there to be wise and knowledgeable. Governments are not there to be led by the Industry in pursuit of progress and financial gain at the expense of the public at large. Governments are there to be able to interpret properly scientific guidance or advice.

This proliferation of' Network Masts may turn out to be the next BSE for ignoring the warnings and acting without any common sense or prudent avoidance.

9 Reverting to the mobiles themselves, it is not common sense to put a mobile against your head for four or five hours a day at the incidence of your employer. In law, almost certainly that Employer is not providing a safe system of work. Equally, under the Consumer Protection Act it seems probable now that the manufacturers ought to display some form of health warning on their products to protect themselves from product liability claims -- and of course the users to whom then sell the huge number of phones from internal danger to enable such consumers to make an informed choice or consent.

Possibly, in due course, it will be shown scientifically that living in too close proximity to a Mast is damaging to health, and possibly then there will under provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998 be legal remedies available, which allow people to seek compensation from the mobile phone network providers, and also against those who allow the Masts to be on their land.

This may include eventually even some Local Education Authorities who seem to be prepared to allow Masts to be erected regardless of possible risks to the children on school property for whom they are in loco parentis in return for an annual rental. This aspect is currently now under investigation by the Secretary of the State for Education following the meeting of the House of Commons Select Committee in June 1999 with Representatives of NRPB as mentioned below.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Scotland

10 Currently parallel with the separate establishment of the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh which now has responsibility for the majority of issues affecting people living in Scotland over one third of all Scottish Local Planning Authorities have now adopted or publicly committed themselves to adopting Precautionary Policies as a direct result of what they perceive to be inadequate official advice from Government Departments.

11. Local Authorities in Scotland have decided that there are too many unanswered questions to risk exposing the Public needlessly to levels of microwave radiation which could or may in time prove to be harmful to their health. By choosing to keep transmitter masts away from schools and residential areas local authorities are not doing anything radical, but merely following the Precautionary Approach advocated in the European Treaties, accepted by the UK Government in 1993 at Maastricht.

England and Wales

12 Similarly the influential Local Government Association (LGA) has now advised its member local authorities to adopt the Precautionary Approach on the basis that the decision making process of the Governments Advisory Body the NRPB, based upon waiting for `conclusive scientific evidence' before acting, is potentially flawed. On 12th August 1999 the Local Government Association accused the Government of `dithering' over the potential danger of cancer and radiation from mobile phone masts.

The LGA Planning Executive Chairman Stated "The Government must stop dithering and give councils some clear guidance to the threat posed by Radiation and the planning powers to keep the Public Safe -- especially vulnerable children and the elderly rather than wait two or three years until the research is finished".

These statements were made in August 1999 after the Government issued on 23rd July 1999 letters to the LGA and Members of Parliament which failed to help authorities make the right planning decisions or offer them guidance on where masts can be safely erected.

13 All this has come about after the senior representatives of the NRPB gave their evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee in June 1999 explaining firstly that the NRPB under its statutory legislation could only base its guidance and advice on `conclusive scientific evidence' as required by its Act of Parliament. and that accordingly until essential research had been carried out in their opinion the only "conclusive scientific proof" related to the properties of thermal heating on which their 1993 Safety Guidelines remained solely based.

Secondly however the representatives of the NRPB made it clear that until the freshly commissioned research produced some `conclusive scientific proof' that there were other effects apart from thermal heating, it was up to Politicians and Planners to exercise their `own' judgment.

14 On 1 st September 1 999 Belfast City Council ratified the 18th August 1999 Decision of its Development Committee that `no Transmitter Masts should be permitted on any Council Property', due firstly to the unknown risks from such masts and secondly because of `substantial public concern.

Similarly Wyre Borough Council in Lancashire recently decided that the proposed site for a mast and base station was unsuitable given its proximity to a nearby primary school and houses which were 190 metres and 40 metres away respectively" This refusal was based on public fears about possible health risks posed by microwave radiation. This follows the 1998 Court of Appeal decision finding that `genuine public fear and concern is a material planning consideration, even if that fear is irrational and not based upon evidence -- see Newport BC v Secretary of State for Wales (1998) JPL 377.

Conclusion

The answer for the time being is Prudent Avoidance and Common Sense, at least until properly structured research has been concluded, and then independently assessed. The answer is not to listen only to the Industry, who have tended to ensure that the Industry Commissioned research proves their point on safety. Currently prudence advocates that reliance on the NRPB Guidelines is no longer sufficient.

Many independent University researchers who have produced adverse results have had their research funds curtailed, or taken away which stifles further investigation of adverse effects shown by earlier research. Governments are elected to be aware of what is going on, and to protect the public at large when uncertainties exist, and prudent avoidance should currently prevail over commercial interests until the further essential research has been completed and "independently" assessed.

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What a Cellular Company might say:

- The pollution caused by a tower is small

- Measures have been taken to mitigate the negative aesthetic effects by limiting height, locating the tower in a secluded area, disguising the tower as a tree, etc.

- Towers are inherenly beneficial to the community. They provide a needed service.

- As an inherently beneficial service to the community, cellular towers should be considered as public utilities in the eyes of zoning and planning boards. Thus they should be granted construction permits, even if they cause some negative effects. Their benefits outweigh their costs. (State laws concerning the issues of "inherent benefit" and cellula towers' status as a public utility vary considerably.)

- Providing towers is important for public safety. Drivers with cellular phones can call the police, family of friends to help them in an emergency situation. They can also call the police about reckless drivers they encounter on the road.

- Radiation standards have been set by the FCC. The FCC has the responsibility for assessing microwave safety based on existing standards. So microwave safety concerns are outside the jurisdiction of local planning boards.

What the Opposition Might say

- Towers can decrease property value. This can result from a number of factors including the eyesore factor as well as the cancer fear issue.

- Cancer fears and aesthetic effects cause a town to lose its reputation as a safe and beautiful community and to lose tourist revenue.

- The jury is still out on health effects. We should proceed with caution until conclusive evidence is in.

• Cancer and other health concerns as welll as aesthetic effects cause a general lower quality of life. Issues such as peace of mind and freedom from fear should be issues that a local planning board considers.

• Diesal generators that provide power to the tower cause air pollution and noise pollution. The wind hitting a tower can also cause noise pollution. (These arguments are more likely to succeed in more pristine areas.)

• Additional towers for microwave antennas are not inherently beneficial. In virtually every community in the U.S., there are sufficient antennas for police officers, fire protection, and emergency medical services. These are essential services that benefit everyone in a community; they are inherently beneficial. Additional towers for private cellular phone companies are not. The number of Americans using cellular phones increases rapidly every day, but they are still a small minority of Americans. Citizens of a community cannot be expected to suffer the negative effects of cellular towers so that a minority can enjoy a luxury product.

• In some cases, companies have chosen poorer sections of a town to build towers. Is this part of town, where people are unlikely to be able to afford cellular phones, being asked to house the eyesore and health hazard so the other side of town can use the phone?

• Cellular phones cannot be considered public utilities for zoning purposes. Their public benefit cannot be compared with other utilities, such as wireline telephone and power lines for personal electricity. Both of these are unique services that almost every American enjoys. Cellular telephones are ijoyed by aminority of Americans and they do not provide a unique service, they merely expand wireline telephone coverage.

• Cellular telephones are dangerous. Talking on the phone and driving at the same time is dangerous. Studies show that cellular telephone use substantially increases accident rates. There is also evidence that certain types of celular phones interfere with

pacemaker and hearing aid operation. These negative effects on safety outweigh the positive effects of cellular phone use. Additional towers in the community may make the community more dangerous, not safer.

• Ask the company for a master plan of placement of future antennas. This will give the community an idea of how many towers will need to be placed and where the company will want to place them. If the company is honest in its estimate of future needs, the information may open people's eyes to the fact that it's not just one tower that they're voting on, but that hundreds of towers will need to be erected i a city. In the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, on communications company expects to place 400 antennas around the region. It estimates that 80 of these will be on stand-alone towers. In Chicago, two cellular companies have a combined total of about 850 cell sites in the region. Each puts up an additional 40 to 70 a year. With increased competition, each city may have eight or nine cellular companies building towers.

• Often companies choose tower locations on the basis of cost-effectiveness while ignoring the needs of a community. If a group can show that there is a tower site that is a viable alternative to the one originally proposed, it can force a company to use that site.

• Ask the cellular company for guarantees. For example, will they guarantee the safety of the tower? Will they foot the medical bills for any and all local citizens who develop illness and disease as a result of their facilities? Will they guarantee property values? Will they purchase homes and property, at fair market value, if such property becomes devalued or unsalable as a result of the facility? As a consumer, do you purchase products without a guarantee? Most likely not. If the cellular industry is asked to guarantee their products - with not strings attached - they may change their tune.

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Mobile Phones & Your Health

Results of recent research in Australia, Europe and the USA, together with reports by the European Commission that mobile phones may not be as safe as first thought, has led to major concerns being expressed about the health effects associated with their usage.

In what ways can mobile phones affect your health?

The most frequently reported symptoms made by users to both their doctors and also to phone manufacturers, is the occurrence of **unexplained headaches, ear and eye sight problems, feelings of nausea or dizziness, a tingling sensation on the skin and a numbness or redness to the face and neck.** A leading Swedish scientist, Professor Mild who is on the European Commission panel of experts investigating mobile phones, confirms frequent reports of such conditions, as does Dr Bruce Hocking, former Chief Medical Officer for Telstra. On May 7 1997, Dr Hocking presented the results of a study of neurological symptoms in mobile phone users. When asked about this study on the "7.30 Report" of May 7, Dr Hocking replied: "Yes, these are studies I've been doing on people who use mobile phones and who develop symptoms when using the phones. This arose from some other observations I've made when working for Telstra that staff and customers were developing symptoms. I've now followed up with a detailed survey of over 40 people around Australia who have developed symptoms. **They complained mainly that they developed a burning dull feeling on the side of the head where they have been using their mobile phone. It tends to come on several minutes after they made their call and may last for hours. Associated with this they may get feelings of nausea, disturbances in their vision and at times other neurological symptoms.**" When asked by the "7.30 Report" presenter: "With all due respect to these people, how do you know that they are not just psychosomatic symptoms?" Dr Hocking replied: "Yes, this question has been asked by quite a few people.

1. First of all there is the consistency of symptoms. People from all over Australia with no connections, produce a rather similar story.

2. Secondly, there are now reports coming from overseas, Scandinavia, Great Britain and America of people getting similar kinds of symptoms.

3.Thirdly, there is a statement from the Department of Communications recently out about the development of "hot spots" in the brain. This means a concentration of energy which would give a possible explanation for these symptoms.

4. Fourthly, and most interestingly, these symptoms were in fact observed over 30 years ago in a laboratory set up." The UK's National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) confirms significant absorption of microwave energy in the eyes and their sockets, brain, nose, tongue and surrounding muscles. A senior adviser to the NRPB has been reported in the British press as saying: "It is not unreasonable to suggest that this might cause some damage." The worry is that these overt symptoms may be the precursors to more serious problems and not all users are getting these early warning signals.

Is the problem more serious?

Research funded by the New York Heart Research Foundation as early as 1992, showed that ***microwave radiation from a relatively low powered analogue mobile***

phone, caused chemical changes in the brain similar to those present in cancerous and precancerous situations, which were still measurable more than 7 days after just one 3 minute phone call. Research published in 1996 by doctors Lai and Singh of Washington State University, Seattle, demonstrates that exposure to extremely low level microwave radiation causes single and double strand breakages in DNA brain cells of rats. An accumulation of DNA breakages is known to be associated with the slow onset of diseases such as **cancers, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Huntington's**. The frequencies used in their experiments are known to be less penetrative than those emitted by mobile phones and the power levels were substantially lower. Adding to growing evidence that electromagnetic fields may be linked to Alzheimer's disease, a 1996 US study by Dr Eugene Sobel, published in the journal Neurology, found that people who are exposed to high electromagnetic field (EMF) levels on the job have, on average, three to five times the normal risk of contracting the disease. These results follow on the heels of a September report from the US Centre for Diseases Control and Prevention indicating that a broad variety of neurodegenerative diseases, including Alzheimers, are more common among workers exposed to EMF on the job. About 50 studies have now reported statistically significant increased risks for several types of cancer in occupational groups with elevated exposure to electromagetic radiation. In microwave and radar personnel they have noted sharp increases in lymphomas, melanomas, leukemias, and brain tumours, high blood pressure, headaches, memory loss and brain damage. Immune system abnormalities were also noted: first an over stimulation, then later immune suppression after continued exposure to low levels of microwave radiation. A recent Australian study, funded by Telstra, conducted at the Royal Adelaide Hospital by Dr Michael Repacholi, Professor Tony Basten, Dr Alan Harris and statistician Val Gebski, revealed a highly significant doubling of cancer rates in a group of mice exposed to electromagnetic radiation equivalent to spending two half-hour periods each day on a digital mobile phone. How is microwave radiation absorbed by the body? EMR (electromagnetic radiation) is a form of energy which is emitted by amongst other things, electrical appliances. EMR in the form of microwave radiation is given off by a mobile phone through the keypad, screen, ear-piece and aerial when the phone is switched on, and particularly when in conversation. Unlike an ordinary phone, a mobile phone's power unit and transmitter is located in the handset. Research by the UK's National Radiological Protection Board has shown that microwaves penetrate through the skull and into the brain. In addition, the ear, the eye and its socket, the nose and other surrounding tissue, also show significant absorption. Radiation levels are always at their strongest closest to the EMR source. With a mobile phone in operation, the concern is that the user could hardly get any closer to the handset. "You would not put your head into a microwave oven, but people are quite happy to hold a mobile phone next to their head" Senior Physician, Danish Board of Health European Health and Safety Journal 1995

But don't mobile phones comply with current safety standards?

Manufacturers claim that their phones are safe because they comply with current safety standards. However the validity of these standards are now being challenged both within the scientific community and, increasingly, in the courts. The current safety standards are being questioned because:

1.Firstly, **the standards are based solely on heating (thermal) effects of human tissue**. This suggests that unless you are being cooked, you need not worry. However, the European Commission Public Health Directorate confirms that microwave radiation from cellular phones induces heating in tissues and organs and that temperature rises of only 1 degree Celsius can produce a variety of health effects which become more severe with higher temperature rises. (Tests carried out in Australian cellular industry laboratories have shown temperature increases of over 4 degrees Celsius) When asked

in 1995 if it was still advisable to base standards solely on thermal effects, the chairman of the USA's National Council for Radiation Protection and Measurement Committee replied: "...the laboratory evidence for non-thermal effects of both ELF and RF/microwave fields now constitutes a major body of scientific literature in peer reviewed journals. It is my personal view that to continue to ignore this work in the course of standards setting is irresponsible to the point of being a scandal." Of note, two military research bases in the USA reduced their permitted levels of radio frequency exposure significantly (from 100W/m2 down to 1W/m2). This is because they acknowledged that there is now an overwhelming body of published evidence of the positive existence of non-thermal biological effects of high-frequency radiation.

2.Secondly, because **the current safety standards are set on the assumption that microwaves are distributed evenly throughout the head**. However, evidence is emerging that "hot spots" may be formed within the brain which could cause more damage than previously assumed. It has been shown that digital mobile phones can deliver well over the safety levels into head tissue in their output pulses, but they are said to comply because over each second the average power is only one-eighth of the pulse power. To give a clearer analogy, this is like the health department saying that it is safe to drink 14 standard drinks at one time because this averages out to only 2 standard drinks per day over a week. Unlike the earlier analogue mobile phones, the newer digital ones emit a series of radio frequency pulses. This has been shown to be more biologically active than a continuous radiation of the same frequency and power level. These pulses are picked up and detected by the cells inside the user's and other nearby people's heads. This means that the brain cells are being "hit" by these radiation pulses, and this is what is now raising concern amongst researchers. To use another analogy, while a constant light does not harm anyone, if it is switched on and off like a strobe, serious neurological symptoms can be triggered. It is also important to consider exactly who is setting these safety standards. In Australia, the Standards Committee consists of 12 representatives, of which nine are users or sellers of the technology. Thus it could be said that there is a conflict of interest for those who set the standards. When Dr Bruce Hocking, former Medical Officer for Telecom, was asked on the "7.30 Report" about the governments policy management on this issue, he replied: "First of all, I think it's a mistake to put the major responsibility for this issue into the Department of Communication and the Arts. They have a potential conflict of interest. They are a major revenue raiser for the government, from license fees as well as the proposed sales of Telstra and of future frequencies for mobile phones. They would not be wanting to create too much concern that some of these products may be unhealthy to the public, as that would impact on their revenues, and yet they are responsible for the dissemination of information regarding this. I think it would be fairer to the government and the public alike if the responsibility for all health public issues were moved firmly into the Department of Health Branch area and administered out of there." It appears that a "conflict of interest" situation also exists in the USA. The Wireless Technology Research (WTR) group, which is funded by the mobile phone industry has become embroiled in a number of scandals. The WTR was promoted to the public and to the US government as being an "independent" and "arms-length" body controlling $25 million in research funding. Recent leaked documents show that it has been under the direct control of the industry association, and it has long operated as a PR front. In the last four years it has spent $17 million "without wetting a test-tube" according to Microwave News editor, Louis Slessin. The WTR scientists recently went on strike for nearly a year, refusing to perform their contracted research until adequately covered for indemnity against law suits, by the mobile phone industry association. The US scientists' sensitivity to this issue follows the filing of 38 cases which are now before the courts over past tobacco-safety studies. Both the tobacco company lawyers and the scientists they funded have been charged as co-conspiritors with the Tobacco Institute and the cigarette companies in suppressing evidence and manipulating research results. If manufacturers genuinely

believe that their mobile phones are completely safe then why: Do many of them suggest in their handbook that users may wish to reduce their exposure by spending less time on the phone? Why would three manufacturers have lodged their own patents to reduce radiation emissions which in the word of the patent abstracts are to "prevent the health of the user from being damaged"? Why has one manufacturer just launched a new low radiation mobile phone? Why are many manufacturers developing antenna which point away from the head? Why is the mobile phone industry spending millions of dollars on medical research looking for evidence of a problem which they categorically assure people doesn't exist and why have they refused funding to independent scientists whose research looks as if it might reveal damning conclusions? The answer to many of these questions probably lies in current litigation claims being filed against mobile phone manufacturers, marketers and service providers. While there may be no "conclusive scientific data" to prove that mobile phones are a health risk, it seems there are increasing numbers of people challenging in the courts the current ideology that mobile phones are safe. Kane v. Motorola In this case, Robert Kane, an engineer for Motorola, alleges that he developed a brain tumour from exposure to radio frequency EMF which resulted from his testing of an experimental mobile phone antenna. Also named as defendants are Kane's manager, the principal designer of the antenna, and Motorola's chief research scientist for mobile telephones and antennas. Rittman v. Motorola In August 1995, attorneys for the estate of Dean Vincent Rittman and family who survived him filed a lawsuit against several mobile telephone manufacturers and marketers and two cellular service providers, alleging that Mr Rittman's fatal brain tumour was caused by his use of mobile telephones. This case was filed in Tarrant County, Texas. Listed as defendants are Motorola, Inc; NEC USA, Inc; NEC America, Inc; General Electric Company; Ericsson, Inc; GTE Corporation; GTE Mobilnet, Inc; GTE Mobilnet Service Corporation; GTE Mobilnet of Houston, Inc; SBC Communications, Inc; Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems, Inc; Discount Communications, Inc; and Parkinson Electrical Company. The complaint contains claims for negligence, strict liability, breach of express and implied warranty, civil battery and violations of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practises Act (DTPA). Also, a leading research laboratory in the UK has formally advised Motorola's German headquarters that it intends to file an action against Motorola for failure to comply with certain sections of the Consumer Protection Act 1987. The impending action alleges that Motorola has failed to affix warning labels to its mobile phone handsets advising consumers that prolonged usage may give rise to adverse health risks. The Consumer Protection Act 1987 is derived from a European Directive imposing, a duty on producers and distributors to ensure that products made available to the public are safe, or and that warning labels are affixed where there is any doubt.

So what do insurance companies think about all this litigation?

A giant Swiss Insurance company, Swiss Re, has raised serious concerns for the insurance industry as to future liability for claims against health damage caused by electromagnetic emissions including mobile phones Up to now, the prevailing legal opinion is that industries can only be liable if science provides conclusive proof that weak electromagnetic fields impair health. The question on whether or not EMF's are a real hazard is no longer an issue when it comes to possible future litigation pay outs for insurance companies. The EMF problem is more dangerous and more threatening for the insurance industry than has generally been supposed. Swiss Re's report comes to the conclusion that on the basis of present knowledge alone, it must be expected that the plaintiffs will win suits dealing with this issue. There is obviously the risk that new research findings will demonstrate electromagnetic fields to be more dangerous than has been assumed. This follows a recent incident by Australia's leading insurance company, Mercantile Mutual, who objected plans by Vodaphone to build a transmitting tower on its Sydney office block. In its formal objection it said: "there is an increasing

body of scientific and medical evidence of the risk to health posed by exposure to emissions from telecommunication base stations. The risk to health may expose us as owners of the property to liability for injury to persons who are even alleged to have been exposed to emissions from the base station. **UPDATE: Click here for current update on insurers**

Is it worth taking the risk?

Mobile phone companies will assure you that their products are safe because:

Claim 1# Mobile phones comply with current safety standards However, as mentioned previously, the methodology of **the safety standards are being called into question by leading researchers, as is the motivation of those setting the standards.**

Claim 2# There is no evidence of a link between mobile phones and ill-health. The recent Telstra funded Royal Adelaide Hospital mice study, which found over a two fold increase in cancer in the mice exposed to a digital phone frequency, was called into question by its own researchers who stated: "mice and humans absorb energy from these fields differently, so we cannot conclude from this single study that humans have an increased risk of cancer from the use of digital mobile phones." It would seem to be a rather futile exercise then to conduct research on mice and then when damning results occur, call the whole study into question because it was based on mice!!! Essentially, what they are saying is that **the only conclusive research will be when humans exposed to mobile phone radiation show a two fold increase in cancer.** Dr Neil Cherry, a scientist from Lincoln University, New Zealand states: " Despite the impression that mobile-phone companies give in their literature, very little work has been done on the long term implications of mobile-phone use. In fact this type of research is really only starting to happen now. **This means that current mobile phone users are acting as involuntary, and often unsuspecting, test subjects.** Past research into microwave radiation effects certainly gives rise for concern. If you are completely healthy, and have a strong immune system, then mobile-phone use may well not give you long-term health problems. Some people can smoke twenty cigarettes per day for fifty years and not develop lung cancer, and yet the dangers of smoking are now generally accepted. Most of us regularly develop cancerous cells in our bodies. Normally the deranged cells are destroyed by our immune system. However, it has been repeatedly shown that a few minutes of exposure to cell-phone type radiation can transform a five percent active cancer into a ninety-five percent active cancer. Most of us remember the Thalidomide tragedy - the result of a product being used widely before adequate long term research had been carried out. The result has been such a misery for the families involved, and long drawn out and expensive lawsuits. Another example is asbestos which has been strictly controlled since 1970, and the most dangerous types banned. Despite this, deaths from mesothelioma (an asbestos induced cancer of the pleura/lungs) are rising consistently and the UK death rate is not expected to peak until about 2020. The time between the first exposure and death is now accepted as often being between 2

is most clear with leukemia and brain tumours, but in the residential studies, statistical significance increased for all kinds of cancer. And we're just beginning to have a whole body of evidence that reproductive cancers are increased by exposure." **Dr David Carpenter, Dean of the State of New York School of Public Health**

" In all my years of looking at chemicals, I have never seen a set of epidemiological studies that remotely approached the weight of evidence that we're seeing with ELF (extremely low frequency) electromagnetic fields. Clearly something is happening here." **Martin Halper, Environmental Protection Agency (US) Director of Analysis and Support**

"Based on the data base we have right now, I think the probability of hazards to human health from exposure to EMF's is high. It has been pretty well accepted by most scientists now...The issue is not whether there is biological effects or possible harm, but at what level and what duration of exposure - that question we have not answered." **Dick Phillips, Director of Experimental Biology Division, Environmental Protection Agency (US)**

"We will proceed on the assumption that there is a connection between exposure to lower frequency magnetic fields and cancer, in particular childhood cancer." **Swedish National Board of Industrial and Technical Development.**

"...Sweden has concluded that EMF's do lead to higher rates of cancer...I, frankly was somewhat impressed by the arguments made by the Swedes." **President Bill Clinton**

So what can I do to protect myself?

The Australian Consumers Association (ACA), has advised users to minimise their exposures to the electro-magnetic radiation emitted by mobile phones. "While there is no scientific proof that phone radiation can be harmful, neither is there proof that it is safe" said Steve Horracks, from ACA. "If it turns out that there is a problem with electro-magnetic emissions at mobile frequency ranges, then using a device that operated so close to your head is an obvious reason for concern." "It would seem reasonable to take a few precautions until more is known about the potential risk. Mobile users should consider their usage patterns and habits to see what they can do to reduce their exposure. There are a number of practical things that mobile phone users can do if they are concerned about the potential health risk." **The Australian Consumer's Association** suggests:
don't use your mobile phone when a normal phone is handy; always extend the antenna consider using an after market hands-free kit consider installing a car kit if you have a digital phone try and use it in open space as much as possible so that the phone can transmit at a lower power level limit the number and duration of calls (Choice Magazine, May 9,1997) Similar recommendations have been made by Dr Peter French, Principle Scientific Officer of the Centre for Immunology at Sydney's St Vincent's Hospital. "Until there is more conclusive evidence about possible health risks, we should be cautious about mobile phones" he said. "If you're experiencing symptoms that may be mobile-related (such as headaches or blurred vision), see your doctor. If you want to reduce your exposure to the electromagnetic radiation coming from your phone, try these practical steps:" Cut down on the number of calls you make keep the phone calls brief make use of pagers and message banks, and use an ordinary phone to return calls try using devices that increase the distance between your head and the phone. *A hands free kit (including one for the car with an outside antenna) is a good idea, as is a cover that shields you from the radiation carry the phone in your handbag, not in your pocket and if you have children, you should limit the number of mobile calls they make. *.

(UPDATE:* Tests Confirm Hands Free Kits Not So Safe After All)
What if I can't limit the number of calls I make or the length of my calls, because I use my mobile phone for work?
There are a few products available to reduce the amount of radiation recieved from mobile phones. As mentioned above, there are the hands free devices which are readily available from most telecommunication outlets.**UPDATE:* Tests Confirm Hands Free Kits Not So Safe After All.**(Click here for more info) With regard to **shielding products**, there are some products available which substantially reduce the amount of radiation absorbed by the mobile phone user. For more information on shielding products click here.

For more information on mobile phones and electro-magnetic radiation:
INTERNET:
The Electromagnetic Health Threat
Cellphones and Health
EMF-Link
Microwave News
FEB - The Swedish Association for the ElectroSensitive
Cellular Towers, EMR, and Health Effects

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TOWN COUNCIL OBSERVATION SHEET

APPLICATION NO: TL/2001/4651 PLANNING OFFICER: Joss Miller

PARISH: Earley

PROPOSAL: Proposed erection of one 10 metre telecommunications mast and associated equipment cabin

ADDRESS: Land adjacent to underpass, Laurel Park, Rushey Way, Lower Earley.

APPLICANT: B. T. Cellnet Ltd., C/O Centac Ltd.

The Town Council remains extremely concerned about any proposals to instal telecommunications equipment of this type in such close proximity to residential properties. In the cast of this latest application, some residences will be little more than 20 metres away, and it is considered that this in unacceptable.

Additionally, the proposed location is in a very prominent position on one of the main routes through the Town, and, being on the edge of Laurel Park, it will appear extremely intrusive and will be of considerable detriment to the street scene.

As I am sure you are aware, Laurel Park is one of the most popular open spaces in the Town, and is frequented by the general public as a whole, and in particular by young children, both independently and as part of the many youth football teams who use the area. The proposed location for this mast means that it is extremely close to the various play areas and sports pitches. Local Councillors remain concerned about the possible health implications of equipment such as this, and particularly when it is so close to residential properties, and designated open spaces/play areas. Until it is conclusively proven that there are no health risks associated with this type of equipment, the Town Council will seek to ensure that proposals such as this do not go ahead.

The Town Council, therefore, requests that this application is refused and the District Council is requested to use its best endeavours to ensure that this proposal is rejected.

The Town Council is currently in receipt of 48 copies of letters of objection to this proposal.

SIGNED: M. Britton DATE: 13-09-01

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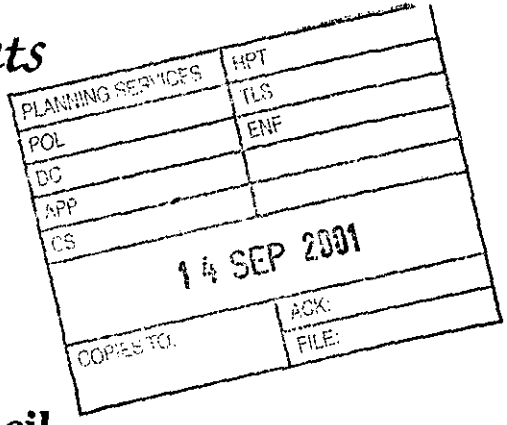

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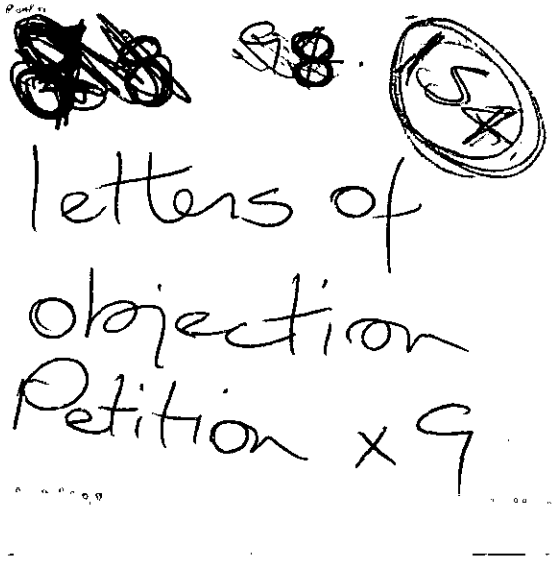
Dear Mr Miller
Ref. Proposed siting of BT Cellnet mast at Rowel Park, Earley

I wish to express our great concern over the siting of the above mast.
It is far too close to houses & well inside the recommended safety area of 30 metres.
The park is used for football, dog walking &

other games + all these children + adults would also be at risk. Moreover it would be an eyesore in an otherwise beautiful area. Why do Cellnet need a mast there? The reception is good in that area. Surely they could put it somewhere else, What about on the roof of Asda or some other high building in the area. Please don't let this happen.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Smith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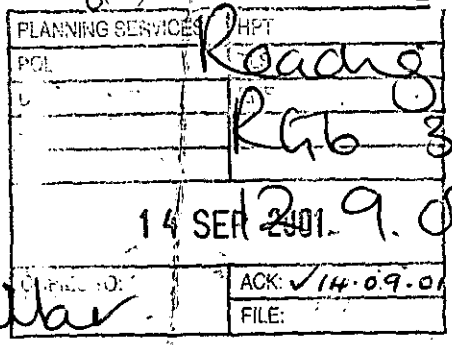

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I will write again on this

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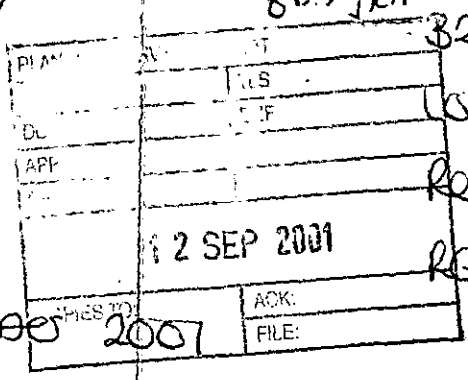
Mr. C.A. Smith

TL/2001/4651



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To whom it may concern

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Yours Faithfully

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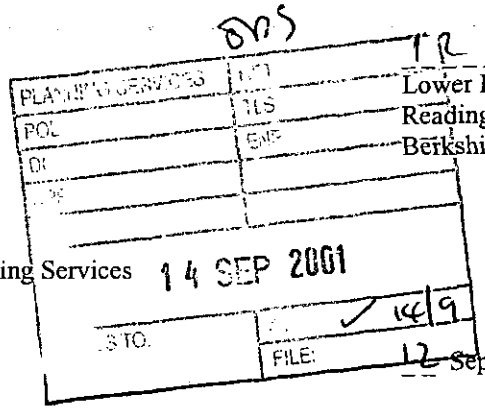

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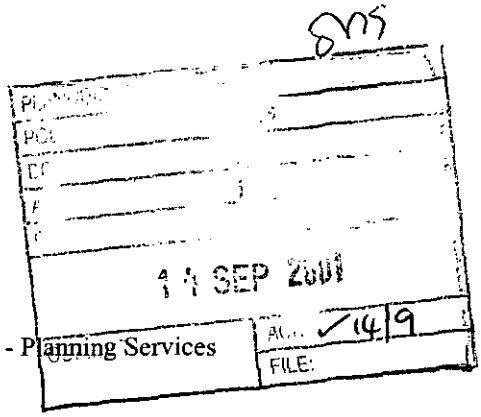

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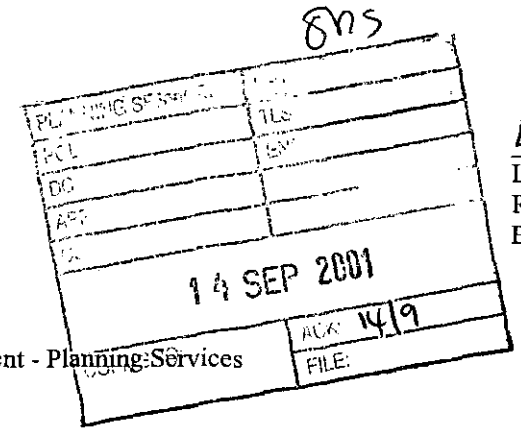

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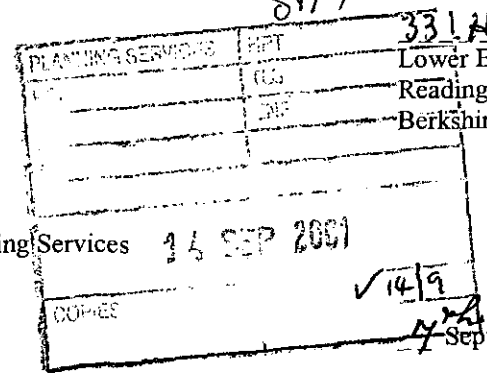

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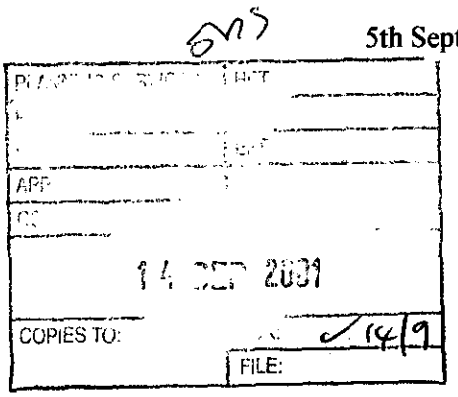

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Proposal: Proposed erection of one 10 metre telecommunications mast and associated equipment cabin.

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George Tillyer June Tillyer

c.c. Earley Town Council

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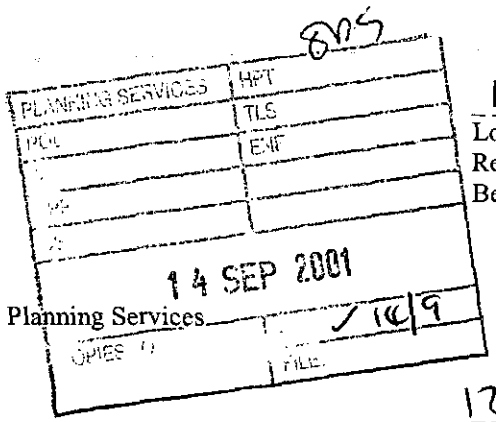

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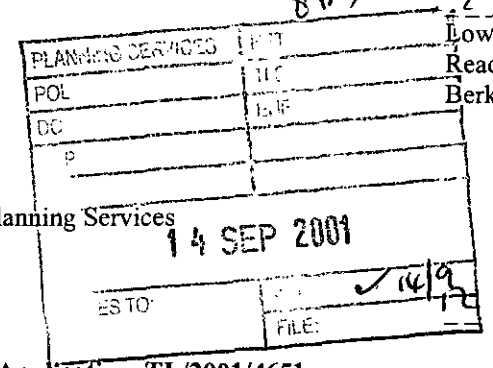

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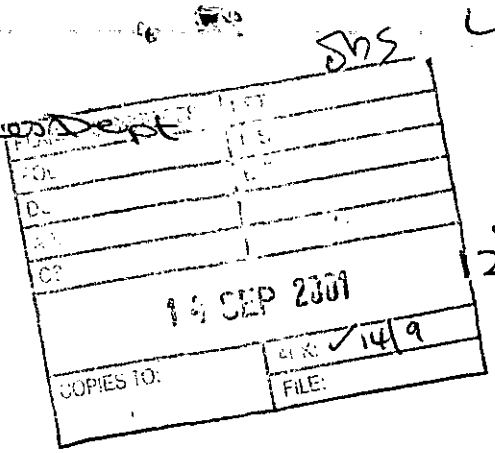

Dear Joss Miller,

With Reference to TL/20014651

I object to the planning application for a Telecommunications Mast on Laurel Park. This mast would be directly opposite my home. It would be 20 m away from my home.

I would like you to Think about Planning applications in general.

You would not let me build something that would be ugly and affect my neighbours' quality of life. (my friend had to change a round window into a square one because it was not in keeping)

How then could BT cellnet build a monstrous, ugly, visually damaging piece of unneeded Telecommunications anywhere in Lower Earley, never mind right outside flys front window?

BT cellnet are using the Government's lean towards them to ask or should I say

demand that they spoil beauty spots around the country.

Please stick to Earley Town Council's policy of no masts on recreational areas and W.D.C's guidelines of 60m from the nearest residences. (mine is 20m away)

I would like you to think about the view from my livingroom window.

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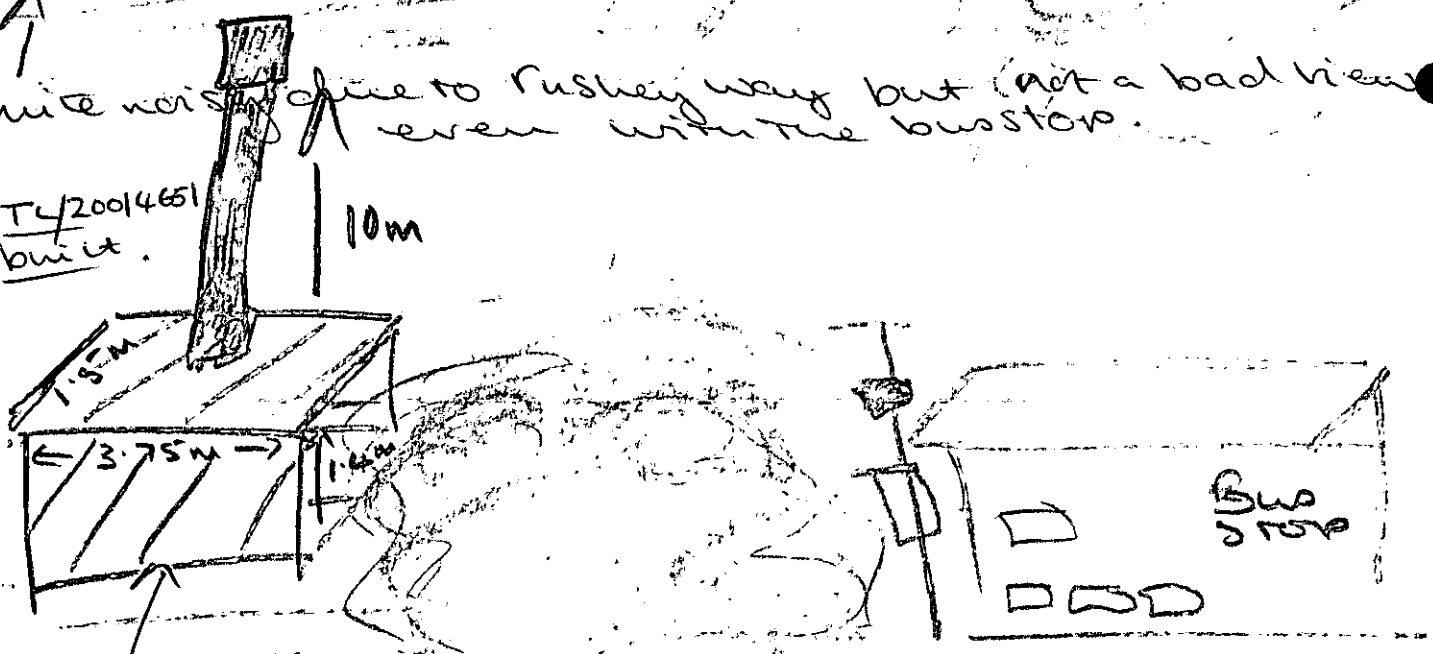
quite noisy due to Rushey way but (not a bad view even with the bus stop.

If TY/2001/4651 is built.



Would you like this view? Is it in keeping with the environment? Will it be vandalised or have graffiti put?

Please take time to study my amateur drawings.

Please Think about my view, the effect of this on my quality of life.

We do not need this mast here.

Please dont Spoil our park.

Please use all your might to tell These big companies that the Government did not mean That they could destroy our beauty Spots when they asked you To be lenient towards Their Cause.

Joss, we need you to help us, because it seems it only costs these people £35-00 To do This To us. We have lost 3 weeks of our lives fighting this. My husband and I have gone around the streets asking people to help us fight. We were so pleased and proud to find out That people were also upset, angry and demanding a rejection.

My fear is That we will have To do This again. I have been very depressed, had To either drag my (4) children out with me or constantly dump Them on friends. I dont know how we will fight on if There is a next time but we will!

Please, Therefore, reject this application and tell these big Companies that the little people are fighting.

Please tell them to go elsewhere.

Please talk to them + the local residents to come up with places that we are all in agreement with.

We understand that we need mobile phones, but not at the expense of our small green places in highly residential areas. What about the land near the motorway - away from the houses on land that is unused. These masts could then be much bigger and more powerful.

Please tell BT cellnet + the other mobile phone companies not to bother us again.

No one around Laurel Park or in Lower Earley as a whole wants these masts in full view of our homes.

Don't let them continue to spoil our health by the stress + worry these fights cause.

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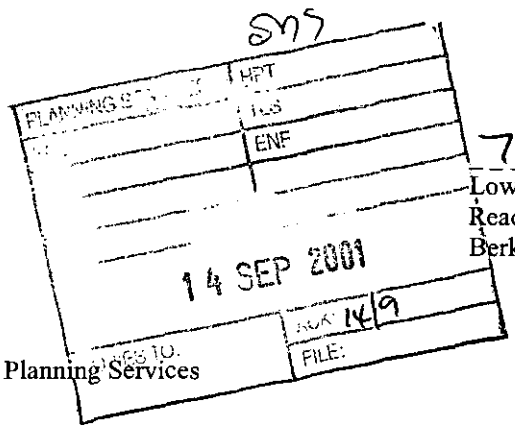

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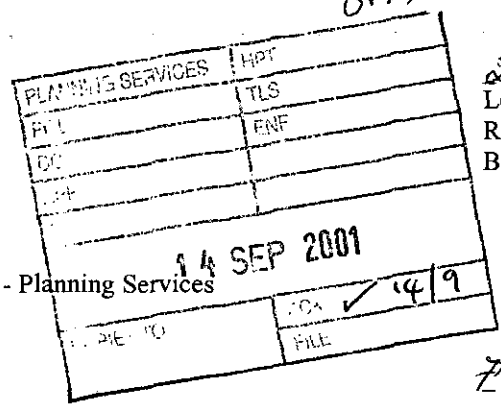

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TL/2001/4651 and the location of mobile phone masts so close to residences in general has struck a deep chord of concern with the local residents of Lower Earley. To date myself and several other deeply concerned residents have personally consulted over 90% of the local residents who received notification of the application from Wokingham District Council. I have also received dozens of copies of personal letters of objection to the Wokingham District council Planning Officer. The magnitude of concern is reflected in the hundreds of personal letters of objection, and the petition of objection delivered to Wokingham District Council (over 400 signatures). Please give full consideration to all the objections in my letter as I believe these, objections, issues, and positive ways forward raised are representative of those of the overwhelming majority of the local residents, and for the Lower Earley community as a whole.

Please could you reply to let me know how you stand on this matter and what you can do to support local residents objections and rejection of the proposed TL/2001/4651 mast.
I would also like to bring attention to the concluding positive ways forward regarding alternative non-residential locations and mobile phone services for the Lower Earley community suggested by residents:

1) Unacceptable Proximity to residential housing: I would urge the yourself, the Council and the Planning Officer to reject the application on grounds of unacceptable proximity to residential property as it has done so with other mobile phone mast applications unreasonably close to residential property.

BT Cellnet's application letter dated 17th includes a letter to the Council on behalf of BT Cellnet by Deanna Freeman ("Information to an Application for Prior Approval Determination Under Part 24 of the GPDO in respect of Permitted Development by Telecommunications Code" which states:
"(iv) Location of and distance to nearest residential or commercial property - approx. 40 m".
The proposed TL/2001/4651 mast location is in fact only 17 metres from the nearest residential property in Swepstone Close, - considerably less than the BT Cellnet Application claims.
Other residence in Swepstone are 30 metres away. Barkby and Measham residences less than 40 metres.
This appears to be a deliberate misrepresentation of the application to the Council and to the Public, by BT Cellnet's representatives. While this in itself could possibly be grounds on its own for rejecting the application, I would urge yourself and the Council rather to reject TL/2001/4651 on ground of unacceptable proximity to residential property and on the other objections stated below.

Also, a bus stop is less than 5 metres away, used daily by children waiting for a bus to school.
The path to Loddon School and the football field are 1 metre away, both used daily by children.
The location of the TL/2001/4651 mast application so close to residences, schools access and play-areas is causing considerable anger, stress and upset amongst local residents.

The increasing sales of mobile phones is no endorsement for BT Cellnet to submit a planning application so close to residences.

2) There are plenty of more suitable non-residential locations that BT Cellnet could just as well use:
There is no evidence in the TL/2001/4651 planning application public notes or correspondence that BT Cellnet have given any consideration to alternative **non-residential** sites, prior to submitting this current application. The only other sites referred to in BT Cellnet's TL/2001/4651 application are NGR SU 75827 70934 and NGR SU 75717 70493, both of which were also residential locations, and both of which have been rejected by the Council in other applications on the basis of unacceptable proximity to residential property and local objections.

BT Cellnet's application says it attaches prediction plots to justify the proposed development site. These "justifying prediction plots" were not on the public file. I suspect that these would only show that the site is one serviceable possibility, with no environmental, residential or community considerations made - only planning and technical considerations as they state. More importantly, neither have BT Cellnet provided any alternative scenario prediction plots based on possible non-residential locations, to demonstrate that the exact location TL/2001/4651 site has no non-residential alternative. Neither is there any evidence that BT Cellnet have reasonably investigated the use of electricity pylons as recommended in PPG8-21.
I suspect that BT Cellnet simply do not wish to explore non-residential alternatives as these might cost them a little bit more money.

PPG8-10 recommends that *"mobile phone operators have pre-application discussions with interested organizations such as residential groups".* There is no evidence that BT Cellnet have had any such with Lower Earley residential groups.

BT Cellnet appear to be **deliberately and systematically** targeting residential locations and pressuring the Council in the hope that they will eventually succeed (in ignorance and total disregard for the wishes of local residents in the Lower Earley Community). The fact that several previous residential mast applications have been rejected by the Planning Office is no mandate for acceptance of the TL/2001/4651 application.

I urge yourself, the Council and the Planning Officer not to be pressured by repeated unreasonably located mast applications; please reject the TL/2001/4651 application.

There are plenty of just as suitable non-residential locations that BT Cellnet could use, and which in fact the local residents would probably support.

3) No new mast is needed that close to residences to provide good mobile phone services:
Many local residents including myself have BT Cellnet phones and will testify to the fact both BT Cellnet's GSM phone signal strength and network availability is excellent within several kilometres from the proposed location. This shows that mobile phone services can be successfully provided by masts located at distances further from residences (as they currently are). There is no need to use the residential site of TL/2001/4651 application. It is the responsibility of BT Cellnet and all other mobile phone operators to design it's phone network with respect for Lower Earley Community, who are also their consumers on whom they ultimately depend.

The only case I can conceive that BT Cellnet or for that matter any mobile phone operator might have for locating the TL/2001/4651 application so close to residences is that it may cost them less to apply for, build and maintain - at the expense of an already over-burdened Council who have to process all of these unreasonable applications, and at to the distress and expense of the residents to campaign against them - both of which are ultimately at the net expense and cost of the Lower Earley and Wokingham District residents as community charge payers - clearly not in the Council or Community's interest.

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5) The TL/2001/4651 application would be the thin end of a wedge + will open the floodgates to more and bigger masts in the immediate area adjacent to Laurel Park / Rushey Way residential area:
How long before they want to make the transmitter even bigger and more powerful ?
Further developing and mast sharing on what would be an existing mast location becomes more in favour of the phone operators as mentioned in PPG8-19 and PPG8-20, which encourages development on existing mast sites and encourages mast and site sharing.

If TL/2001/4651 is accepted it opens the floodgates for all the other mobile phone operators to put masts on the edge of Laurel Park football field - they would all see it as an easy target at for them a "prime location". Laurel park is one of the few beautiful and green places left in Lower Earley; local residents and Laurel park users as a whole are determined to keep it that way, and feel very strongly on this point as is reflected in the personal letters and petition of objection to the Planning Officer. With reference to PPG8-14 and also to PPG8-64 such subsequent developments would be again out of keeping with surroundings, detrimental to visual amenity and quality of life. Please reject TL/2001/4651 on ground of detrimental to visual amenity, quality of life and against the interests and wishes of local community, park and pathways users.

I also believe that the Council has a responsibility to protect Lower Earley residents from the pain, upset and stress of having to fight a potential flood of unreasonable planning applications such as TL/2001/4651.

6) The effect on Lower Earley local residents house prices and ease of sale:
While, PPG8-56 may advise that it is not for the planning system to protect the private interests of one person against the activities of another, it should be recognized that this is not an issue of individuals verses individuals - it is a community issue as it affects hundreds of the local residents in the vicinity of the

TL/2001/4651 mast application. Almost all of the residents I have spoken with in the locality of the TL/2001/4651 are deeply concerned that on selling their residences, their ease of sale would be affected and hence in practical terms house value; concerns recognized in Stewart Report 6.45. All expressed that they would certainly take notice of how close a residence was to a phone mast when purchasing a new residence (as I'm sure you would yourself - I know I would !). There are the obvious concerns for potentially ruined views and surroundings from ones home if masts and transmitters are erected but there is a very real and deep-seated public mistrust of mobile phone masts, and public concern is growing as people become more aware of the unresolved long-term health questions. This is supported by the Stewart Report Section 3.6. House prices have risen steeply in Lower Earley in the last 2 years and Lower Earley residents have paid dearly for their homes.

This at first seemingly intangible issue is in fact a very real and significant public concern of local residents that cannot be ignored or underestimated at it hits large proportions of the community in a very tangible and financial way. This is reflected in the personal letters and petition of objection to the Planning Officer. I urge yourself, the Council and the Planning Officer to reject the TL/2001/4651 application on grounds of unacceptable proximity to local residences and against the interests and wishes of the local community.

7) Residents and public concern on health and safety:
I am concerned that there may be long-term health risks from long-term radiation exposure by mobile phone masts in such close proximity to my residence, family and children. The vast majority of Lower Earley local residents also have deep concern also as will be shown by the personal letters and petition of objection to the Planning Officer. If the long-term health risk questions of mobile phone technologies are still unresolved then Public opinion and the opinion of the Lower Earley residents health and safety concerns are very real and based on information from reliable sources and recent public research on the Internet.

My family and I have an unprecedented case with the proposed mast location less than 17 metres from my residential property, and 22 metres from my children's play-room. It is also only approximately 25 metres from my the bedrooms where my children, little girls (aged 5 and 6 years) and my little boys (aged 3 and 8 years) sleep, on direct first-floor at horizontal in-line level of the transmitter. My children would spend approximately 10-hours per day, every day, for the next 15 years of their growing childhood continuously bathed in full strength of microwave transmissions of a mast.

Many other local residents children's bedrooms are would also be similarly long-term exposed.

The Stewart report 6.63 - 6.68 also has concerns for mobile phone base-station masts near schools.
If there is concern as such for the 7 hours per day, 30% of the year exposure of children at school then Children spend 8 - 10 hours per day, every day, all year, for up to 15 years in their bedrooms.
This is far greater exposure for residents children living close to masts than at school.

The Stewart Report 6.31 references ICNIRP and NRBP public exposure reference levels.
The Stewart Report 6.38 *"There is now scientific evidence, however which suggest that there may be biological effects occurring at exposures below these guidelines".*

Are you sure these prolonged level of exposure are totally safe ?
Would the Council be prepared to underwrite long-term heath and safety and pay compensation if there does turn out to be long-term detrimental heath effects from long-term exposure by phone masts ?

PPG8-7 *"However a particular point of public concern is whether exposure to low levels of EMFs might cause other 'non-established' health effects, such as headaches, sleep disturbance, depression, stress, and also long term health effects such as cancer".*

PPG8-89: *"the possibility of harm cannot be ruled out with confidence and the gaps in knowledge are sufficient to justify a precautionary approach".*

Stewart Report sections 5.148 to 5.153 describes a 1996 tests *"a small but statistically significant enhancement of the effects of mitomycin-C on human lymphocytes after exposure to 935.2 MHz radiation for two hours"* and page 75 shows the conditions and results of 1996 test on animals which indicate a *"two-fold increase in lymphoma incidence as a result of exposure to 900Mhz pulsed (GSM) radiation 1h per day; 18 months"*.

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http://www.whitfield village.co.uk/supportingresearch.htm quotes *"'Until recently, we believed any harmful effects from microwaves were due to their heating effects ... now there might be another effect at work and we are much less certain.'" Dr. John Stather, Assistant Director of the NRBP"*

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The Stewart report also refers to indirect health effects such as stress, anxiety.

There are many, many reports and references that can be found that raise a significant degree of long-term doubt and public concern is very real. The fact is that there still hasn't been enough research on long-term and non-thermal health and safety aspects to be conclusive on safety.

The proposed TL/2001/46511 mast is really too close to residences to ignore unanswered health questions. I urge the council to adopt the precautionary approach recommended by PPG8-89, and Stewart Report 1.19, 1.20 and other reference information quoted above, together with the weight of concerns and objections of Lower Earley local residents; please reject the TL/2001/4651 application.

8) A matter of personal choice, and health and safety:
Both the Stewart Report -6 recommends that the Public should be able to exercise an informed personal choice regarding the use of mobile phone technology. Residents living close to mobile phone masts are denied this personal choice - they are exposed more-or-less continuously, without choice.

As mentioned in 7) above my family and other Lower Early families would be continuously exposed to the TL/2001/4651 mast radiation. *Are you <u>really</u> sure this prolonged level of exposure is totally safe ?*

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We were here first, as were the other local residents of Lower Earley. Their concerns and objections are also represented in their personal letters of objection and signature of the petition of objection.

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9) Constructive and positive ways forward:

Lower Earley residents are I believe pragmatic with regard to mobile phone masts - like myself, the majority of residents in Lower Earley want mobile phone services.

What residents don't want is ugly, still questionably-safe (in the public's opinion) phone masts in grossly inconsiderate locations with respect to their residences, and ruining the visual aspect of their residential views, parks and thoroughfares.

I believe that the Lower Early community would probably support both the Council and the mobile phone operators (PPG8-10) in identifying suitable non-residential locations for masts, which would consequently be unlikely to be opposed or refused. This would save the Council, mobile phone operators and Community a great deal of time, and money, and in the resident's case a great deal of anger, stress, upset and gross inconvenience. As an observation I'm also sure that improving the current iterative "confrontational" approach to mast applications would be a relief to already stretched Wokingham District Council resources.

Several residents have suggested that maybe there should be a moratorium or forum for the Lower Earley community on mobile phone mast location policy and that until then the Council Planning Officer should reject such unreasonable phone mast applications in Lower Early residential areas.

Conclusions:
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A concluding thought for BT Cellnet, and other mobile phone operators: remember that Lower Earley residents have a personal choice on who they choose to provide them a phone service; remember that we are your existing and potential future customers. Respect us and we will support you.

Yours sincerely

Ian Palmer 13 sept 2001

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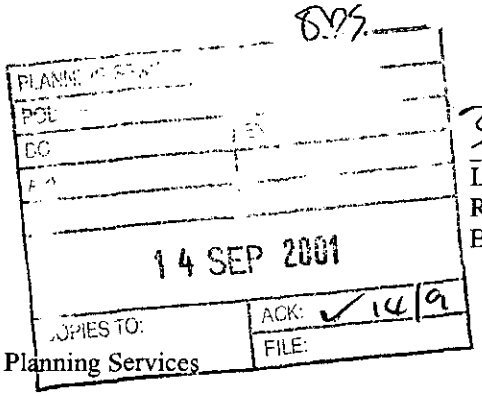

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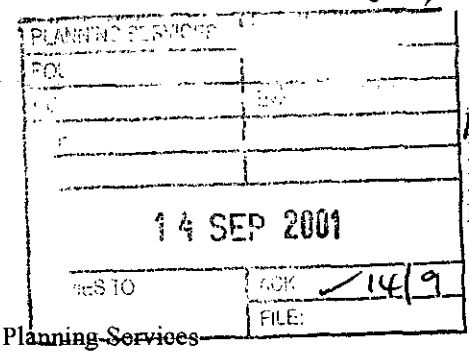

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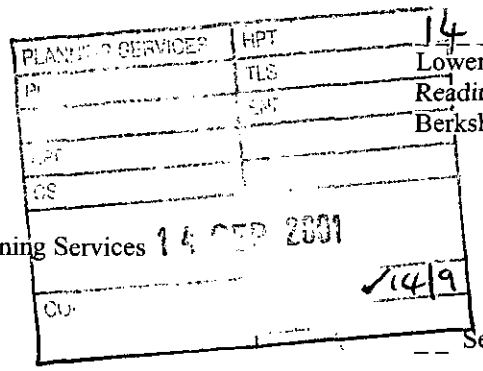

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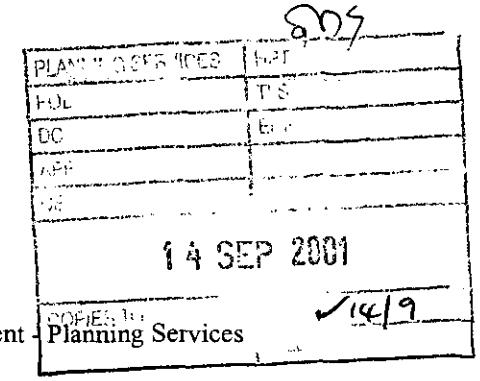

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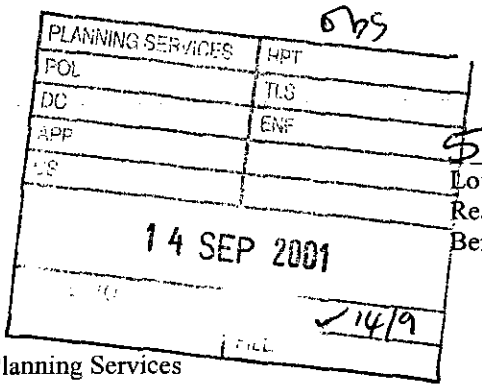

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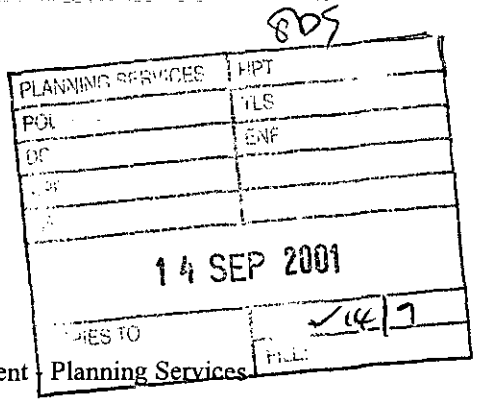

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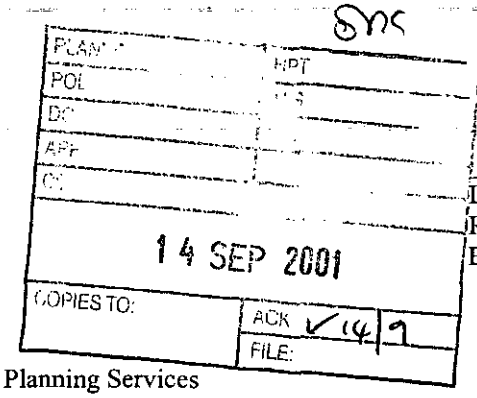

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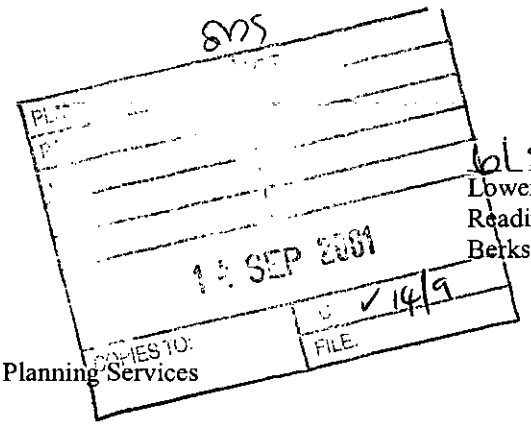

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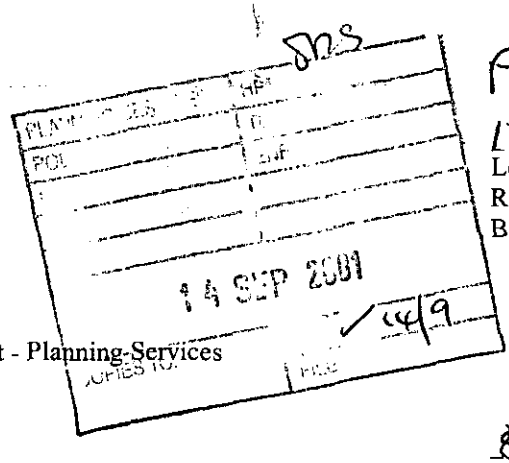

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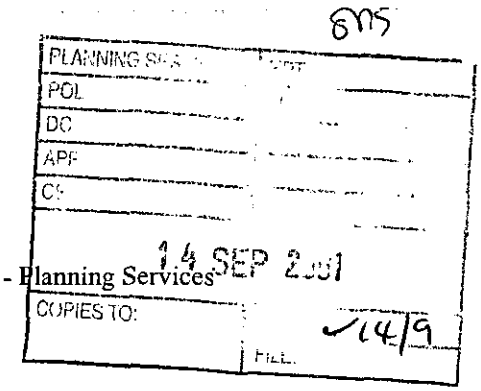

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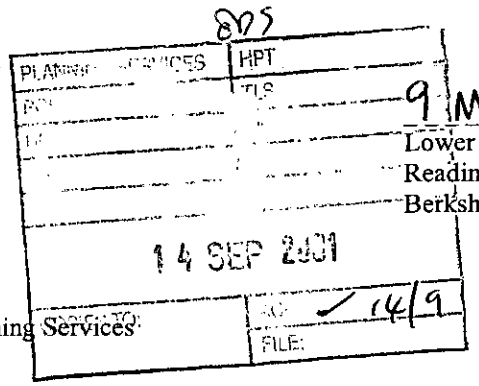

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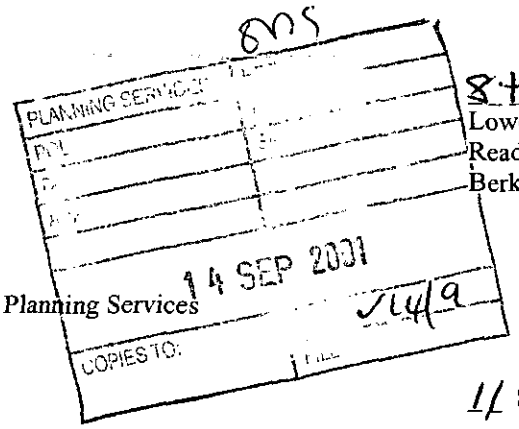

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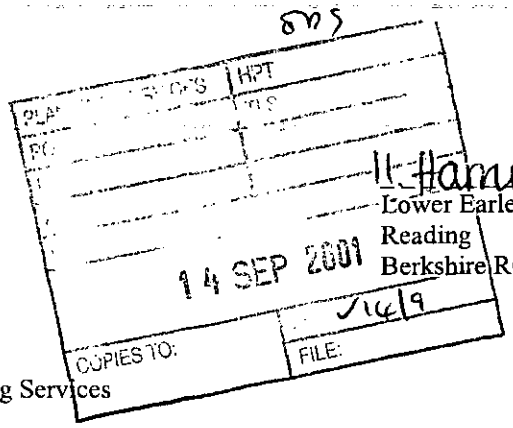

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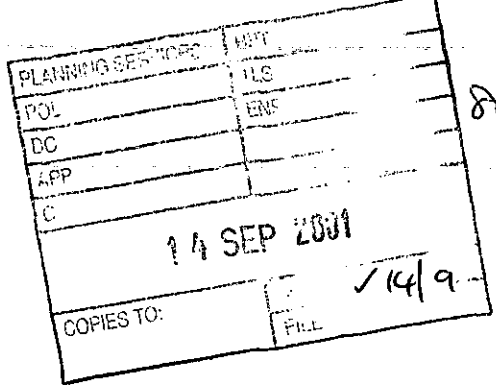

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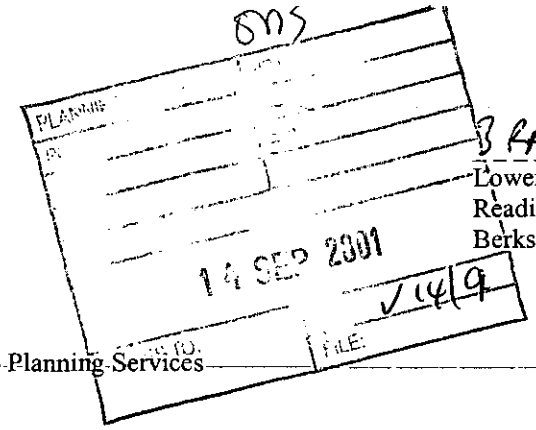

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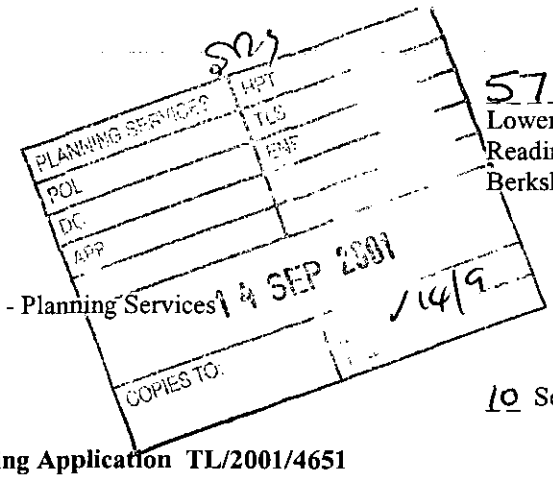

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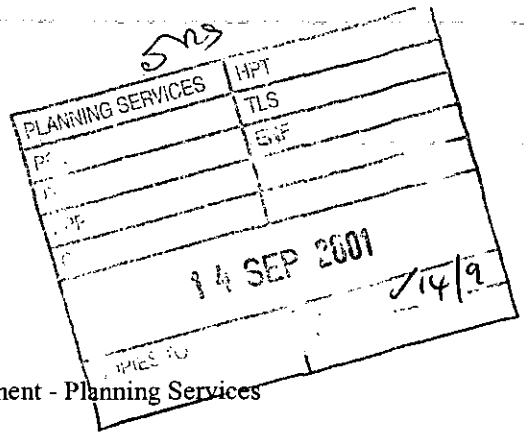

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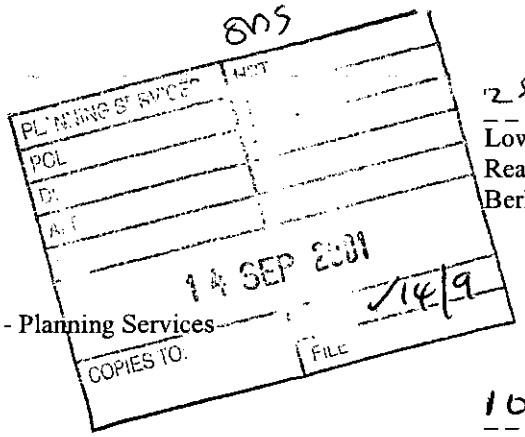

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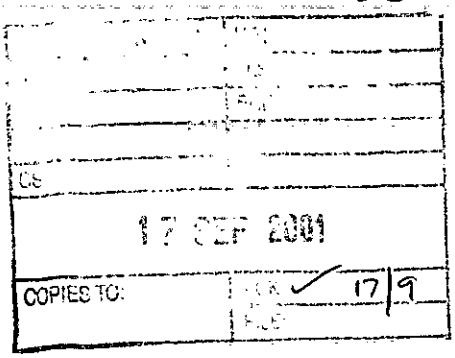

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Your reference: TL/20014651

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I write to object to this application on the following grounds.

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2. The aerial is completely out of place architecturally in such a residential area and will be detrimental to the overall quality of life.

3. Will the council be roping-off a "no-go" area in the park, so that playing children, dog walkers and sportsmen/women do not get too close to the aerial?

4. To stop children climbing and the aerial becoming a centre for vandalism, will there be sufficient security, and if so, will the required security arrangements become an eyesore?

Finally, should it be proven over the coming years that base station transmitters do indeed cause health problems, who will the residents of Lower Earley be suing? The owners of the aerial for a start, but inevitably Councils are elected to protect the public, therefore, no doubt any councillor who is party to supporting the application will be culpable.

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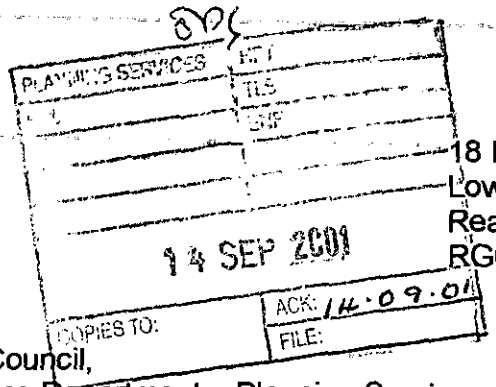

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2. The proposed site is unacceptably close to residential housing – it is only 20 to 25 metres from the nearest houses;

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4. The proposed mast will ruin the area aesthetically;

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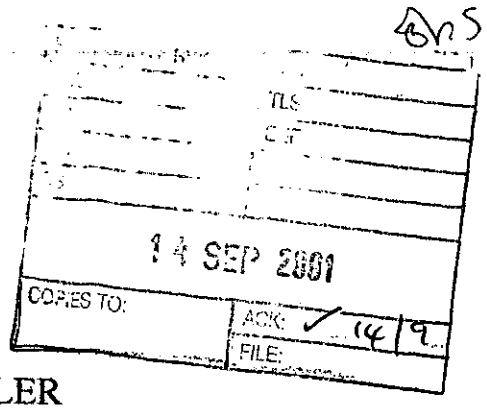

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MR JOSS MILLER
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As a local resident & my house looks over the playing field from the front and this mast would be straight outside my house in my viewing point, This would therefor be out keeping with the surroundings of the area, It would be also visual eye sore and have a detrimentally effect the value to my property and my put potential buyers off.

I do think that no {no} consideration has been made to the heath risks that exposure to radiation being so close to childeren playing / walking to school and being so close to the road where there is a bus stop used by school childeren, as I have childeren my self I must think of their heath and safety first and for most.

As Laurel park is on the highest ground this mast would be a viewing point for most of Lower Early no wonder that BT Cellnet wanted to place a mast there, I have no gripe with BT but my heath and my chilerens and any other residence in the local area must come first.

So I urge Wokingham District Council to reject planning Application TL/2001/4651 for a telecommunication mast in Laurel park.

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Re. TL/2001/4651

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- Mast offers no benefit
  It is not clear whether the mast is being constructed to support Cellnet's existing 2G network or if it relates to the deployment of a 3G network. I have asked BT Cellnet and their contractors about this but have received no response. If the mast is an extension of the existing 2G network, then its construction is unnecessary: apparently Cellnet's existing coverage in the area is adequate, and the coverage across all networks is more than adequate in the area.

- Alternative more suitable location
  I would imagine that one of the reasons for selecting the location specified in the planning application is that the height of the location would allow the mast to provide coverage for a wider area. If that is the case, situating the mast on top of Asda or the leisure centre less than 1 mile away would be a more suitable choice. Situating the mast on Asda or the leisure centre would make better sense for a number of reasons: it would be a greater distance from the nearest housing and the mast would be significantly less visible.

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  The radiation used by the mobile communications network poses an ill understood potential risk to human health. The lower the intensity of the radiation, the lower the chance of being affected by the radiation. The intensity of the radiation decreases with the distance from the source of the radiation, in this case the transmitter. If exposure to the radiation does damage human health then it would be irresponsible to position the mast so close to so many homes.
  I am sure that the transmitter would conform to all required standards regarding human exposure to radiation at the wavelengths at which the mast would operate. However, the safe levels of radiation have only ever been revised downwards as effects on human health are better understood. Consequently, BT Cellnet's reassurances that the transmitter is safe are not reassuring in the slightest.
  Furthermore, the current advice to parents is that they should limit their children's use of mobile phones because of the possible health hazards. Once again it is hard to square such advice with Cellnet's reassurances about the safety of the transmitter. Many of my neighbours have young children: somehow I doubt much if any consideration was given to their health in selecting the site for the mast.

- Visual Impact
  The proposed mast would be the tallest structure in the area. Given that it is unlikely to be an item of beauty, the mast would be detrimental to the appearance of the area.
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- Increases chances of further masts being erected in the same location
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As I do not own a mobile phone, I find the application even more objectionable: there is no way the construction of the mast could benefit me. As discussed above the construction of the mast can only hurt my interests, hence my disapproval of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,



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12th Sept 2001

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Yours sincerely

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Dear Jass. Miller.

In reply to planning application no TL/2001/4651 10 metre telecommunications mast & associated cabin on the underpass/Laurel Park/Rushey Way Lower Earley

I would like yu to register my objection to this for the following reasons. The mast is far to close to the housing & playing fields not to mention the bus stop where people wait.

The 10 metre mast will be an eye-sore in the park, much money has been spent to improve the park and now they want to stick something as ugly as that in it. I am so afraid of microwaves I do not have a cell phone or a micro wave oven. I would never have one.

No one wants theese monsters near them there are many more suitable sites for them eg. Shute End it would also reduce the price of our houses. Then of course there is the health risk which is more or less proven.

Please I beg yu do not put this mast up. for everyones sake.

Yours faithfully

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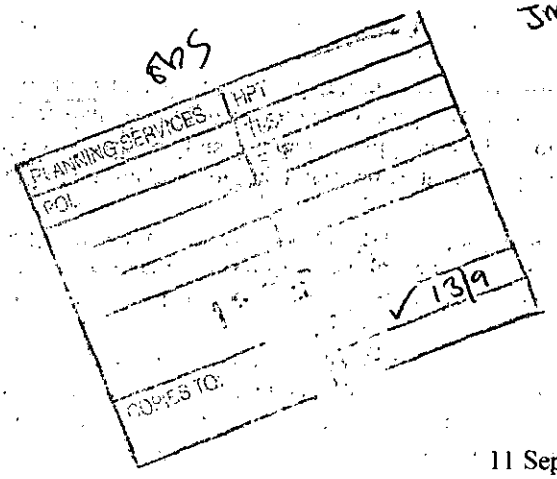

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11 September 2001

Dear Sir,

Re: Planning Application TL/20014651 for 10 meter
BT Cellnet Phone Transmitter

My objections to this planning application are as follows:

1. This mast is to close to residential housing, recreational areas, children's play areas and local schools. Wokingham District Councils own policy is a minimum of 60 meters Hear the mast is in places as close as 40 meters. The government is also against Phone Masts being close to housing as children spend more time at home than at school. As the risk to public health from the emissions are not fully understood and I am not going to be a guinea pig.

2. Or is this just a foot-in-the-door application. So at some later time this application can be reassessed and a more powerful transmitter installed. Just like the 2-storey Police Station by the roundabout at the end of Beech Lane. Later reapplication turned it into a 4-storey building. NO I do not want this mast

3. The effect on the price of the houses surrounding this mast means that they will fall and selling them could also be difficult as this mast would show up in the local search document before buying. I am assuming that Wokingham Council would offer to make up the short-fall in such cases. Should the council chose to accept this application.

4. This mast is not needed as mobile phone reception around here is good so why put one up.

5. This mast is an eye-sore in a residential area, besides I understood that they were supposed to be hidden away out of sight.

This concludes my objection to the Mobile phone mast.

Yours faithfully,

BH Barrett

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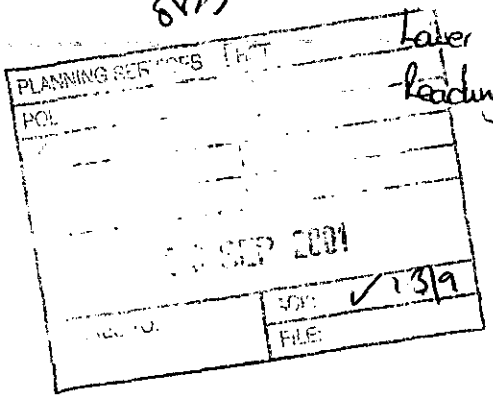

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5th September 2001.

Dear Sirs,

Ref: TL/2001/4651. - BT Cellnet Transmitter, Laurel Park.

We are writing to express our objection to the above planning application for a Cellnet transmitter being installed at Laurel Park, Lower Earley.

We were horrified to think that such a mast could be situated so close to so many houses. Although there may be no certain proof of health risk in such close proximity to the mast, there is also no proof to prove otherwise!

What an 'eyesore' this mast would be. Who wants to be driving along Bushey Way or walking across the park, not to mention the poor people who would actually live there, overlooking this mast.

What effect will it have to our house prices? Who would want to move into any area with such a mast?

We have children who often play in Laurel Park, but how safe will it be, should this go ahead for them + us to play there in the future.

Surely there must be a more suitable site, not located near houses + playing fields, that this mast could be installed.

We trust that you will consider the voice of public opinion + hope that the application for the above will be rejected.

Yours faithfully.

Steve + Carol Beavis.

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10TH Sept 2001

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11th September 2001

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Dear Sir

Application No: TL/2001/4651
Site Address: Land Adjacent to Underpass, Laurel Park, Rushey Way, Lower Earley, Reading
Proposal: Proposed erection of one 10 metre telecommunications mast and associated equipment cabin

We refer to your communication of August 22 last regarding the above application.

We strongly object to the proposed development and urge the Planning Officer to reject the application.

Our objection is purely location!

We ask the question why site the development so close to residential development? Surely the Council has already identified designated areas for such developments, well away from both residential, schools and play areas!

Local existing masts appear to be sited near to or along the M4 corridor, well away from large residential developments. (We understand present signal strength from these is excellent). Surely these could be upgraded or new developments placed alongside them.

Clearly there are obviously more 'isolated' sites available than the one proposed!

When Lower Earley was developed the council, in its wisdom, had the foresight to create Laurel Park and therefore within a large residential, busy development they created a 'green space' for both recreational and environmental purposes. By providing playing fields and play areas this park has created together with the lake, good recreation amenities with pleasant surroundings, walks, nature walks and has greatly improved both environment and the quality of life for the local residents of the area.

The proposed development would not be in keeping with the surrounding area and would be a 'Giant Eyesore' !

The proposed mast is clearly too near to residential property and subsequently affects and proposes risks and safety issues for ALL residents.

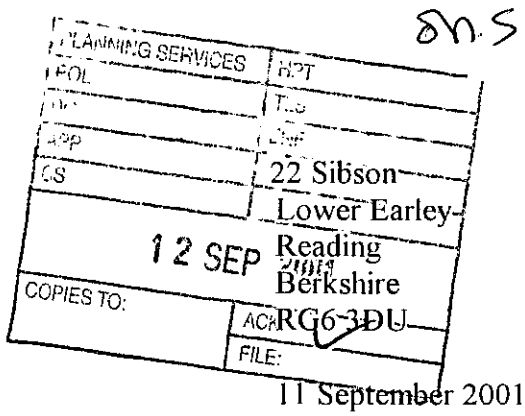
The Health and Safety aspect is very important. Whilst long term exposure to radiation from these masts is not yet totally proven there is enough evidence to suggest that careful monitoring is absolutely necessary. In the circumstances any prudent person, council, body must give the benefit of any percentage or degree of doubt to those residents and protect them accordingly. Thus by establishing and adhering to a policy of keeping such mast developments well away from residential property, schools and play areas the council is well serving and protecting its residents. Clearly the children are most at risk and we all have a duty to protect them from any degree of risk. We do have a large child population in the area of the proposed mast development.

Also in view of the Health and Safety aspect the proposed mast will have a detrimental effect on the value and desirability of our neighbourhood and property.

In our view the proposed site is totally unacceptable and once again urge the Planning Officer to reject the application.

Yours faithfully

John and Joan Hall



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Dear Mr Miller,

Re: Planning Application TL/20014651

I am writing to let you know that I strongly object to the above planning application for a BT Cellnet Phone Transmitter Mast in Laurel Park. I was shocked to learn of the application on 8 September 2001 from a concerned local resident. Surely an application with such wide ranging implications should have been brought to the attention of those residents directly affected by the Council through a "letter drop." My reasons for objection are as follows:

Health Risks and Proximity to Residential Homes and Recreational Areas

There has not been any satisfactory or conclusive proof that there is no health risk from long-term continuous exposure to emittances from these transmitter masts. The Department of Health's leaflet quotes the Stewart Group Government Report, which states that "there is some public concern about base-stations on or near schools." If there is concern regarding the siting of these masts near schools then why entertain an application to site one within such close proximity to residential homes with a high percentage of young families and then to compound the matter by also siting it in a recreational area which will inevitably result in a large section of the community (of all ages) being subjected to possible harmful emittances. You should also bear in mind that the annual fireworks display is also held within the immediate area and attracts large numbers of children and families to the vicinity.

In addition to the above, I understand that several residential homes are within 60 metres of the proposed site for the transmitter and a bus stop, regularly used by school children, is less than 5 metres away from the proposed site. Isn't it the policy of Wokingham District Council that phone transmitter masts should be a minimum of 60 metres away from residential housing, schools and children's recreational areas? Why is this policy being so blatantly

ignored in this particular case? I also understand that Earley Town Council's policy is not to site any transmitters in residential area. Why is this local policy being over-ridden?

Surrounding Area

To go ahead with the application would mean that the mast would be totally out of keeping with it's surroundings.

Property Values

The siting of a mast in such a highly populated area can only have a detrimental effect on the value of our properties together with the ease with which sale of a property can be achieved. I certainly would not want to purchase a house sited near a transmitter mast. By siting a mast as proposed, my freedom of choice to live away from such transmitters is effectively removed by the Council.

Number of Masts

If this application for a transmitter mast is approved, it will open the floodgates for the siting of more and more transmitters in highly populated areas. I also feel that it will not stop here and it would not be long before bigger and more powerful transmitter masts are substituted for the original ones thus increasing the dangers, costs and detrimental effects to the community as a whole.

Alternative Sites

Surely there are alternative sites outside of such highly populated areas, which can be used to site these transmitter masts. This would avoid any upset to the local community and any future health problems for those residents affected.

I strongly urge the Council to reject this application and all similar future applications for transmitter masts to be sited in populated areas and to take into account the views of those residents who are going to be directly affected, together with the views of Earley Town Council.

Yours sincerely

Miss D G Smith

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Proposed Erection of 10M. Mast

We strongly appose this application.
There is an abundance of open land in Lower Earley far enough away from Housing to site a Mast.
I have experience of Telecommunication Masts and the Majority have the facility to make them even higher up to 25M.
Once again NOT IN LOWER EARLEY !!

Yours Sincerely

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10 September 2001

Joss Miller
Environmental Services Dept
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Dear Ms Miller,

re Planning Application TL/20014651
10 metre BT Cellnet Phone transmitter mast, Laurel Park

We are writing to object to the plans for a 10 metre BT Cellent phone transmitter mast on the land adjacent to the underpass on Laurel Park, next to Rushey Way.

This seems a most unsuitable location for such an unsightly development which is quite out of keeping with its surroundings very close to a residential area and in parkland.

It will be on the edge of a beautiful park/nature reserve/football pitches - we have little enough open space in Earley already and we need to guard it carefully. This amenity is used by many people from all of Earley - not just the immediately surrounding area.
It will be next to a walkway which provides a relatively scenic, pleasant and traffic-free route for my family to get to the Maiden Place shops. The transmitter would dominate the walkway completely.

It will be too near to residential areas in Swepstone Close, Marefield, Owston etc - the transmitter would lower over nearby housing, particularly as it must be almost at the highest point in the area.

There is no proof that mobile phone transmitters are not injurious to health, particularly to the health of children. Children will be living, sleeping, walking to school and playing very close to this transmitter for long periods of time.

Not least, if this transmitter were built, would this open the way for more in the area? Apparently BT Cellnet's signal strength is excellent at this point - why do they need to build this transmitter?

In conclusion, if this transmitter were built, we feel that it would significantly affect the quality of life of Earley residents and would certainly be worried about future developments of this nature ruining the area further.

Yours sincerely,

R. J. Butler

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Att.: Joss Miller

Re.: Planning Application TL/20014651
10 metre BT Cellnet Transmitter, Laurel Park football field/ play area

Dear Mr. J. Miller

Having just returned from our two-week holiday abroad we came home to your notification of a planning application for the above-mentioned site.

We would like to register our very strong objections and urge you NOT to grant planning permission for the following reasons:

a.) It would be a very negative visual interruption in the otherwise beautiful park, which is enjoyed by many residents.
b.) It is far too close to residential properties and whereas a health risk is not yet proven, it may affect property prices and prospective buyers may be put off buying houses in the streets surrounding the transmitter.
c.) It is too close to housing and children's play areas.

We trust That Wokingham District Council will make the right decision in the interest of its residents.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours faithfully,

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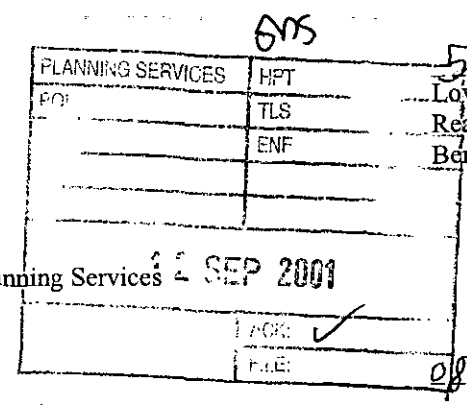

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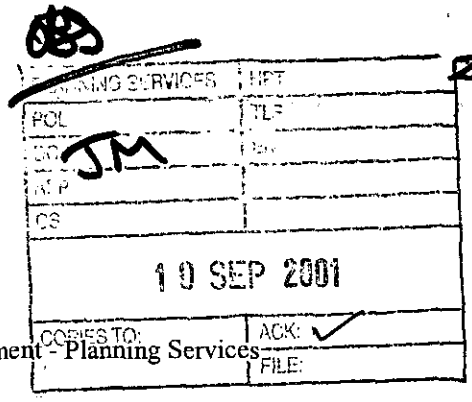

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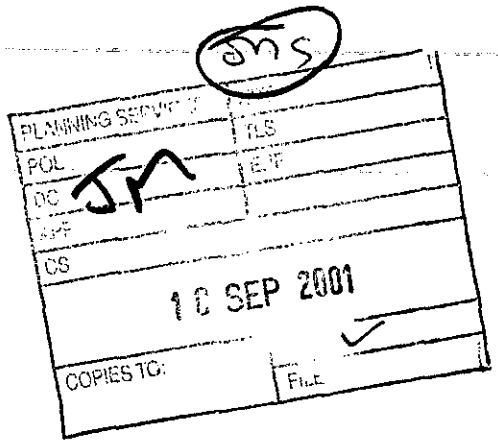

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6 September 2001

For the attention of Joss Miller

Dear Sirs

Planning Application No TL/2001/4651 - Proposed erection of 10m Telecom mast and associated equipment cabin - Rushey Way (Land adjacent to underpass in Laurel Park) - BT Cellnet

I am writing to formally object to the above proposal on the following grounds:

- The possible health impact of electromagnetic fields from the phone mast - these are linked to cancer, epilepsy and birth defects. There is no solid proof as yet that there is no health risk from long-term exposure to these.

- The proposed siting of the mast is unacceptably close to housing, schools, play areas, foot/cycle paths and bus-stops. Wokingham District Council's policy for phone transmitter masts is a minimum of 60 metres from residential housing, schools and children's recreational play areas. Barkby is only 35 metres away, Swepstone Close is less than 20 metres, with Measham Way, Owston, Marefield, Knossington Close and Ratby Close from 40-100 metres away. A bus-stop, used daily by children waiting for a bus to school is less than 5 metres away. The path to Loddon School and the football field are 1 metre away, used daily by children.

- The mast would form the tallest and most significant item in the view to Laurel Park, and would be totally out of keeping with the surroundings. This will adversely affect the quality of life of all Lower Earley residents and especially those using the paths on Rushey Way and by the park.

- It could affect the value of my house and create difficulty in resale with a mast in such close proximity, due to public concern regarding the health and safety issues involved.

- There are plenty of non-residential locations where a telecom mast could be sited rather than in the midst of a densely-populated residential area.

I trust that the Council will take heed of these objections when making their decision.

Yours faithfully

Sheila Hill

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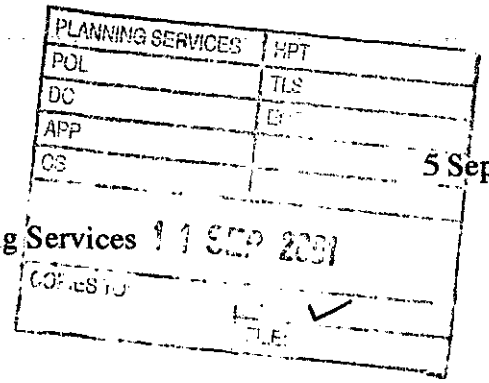

5 September 2001

Mr. Joss Miller
Environmental Services Dept / Planning Services
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Dear Mr. Miller,

Re: Planning Application TL/20014651 – BT Cellnet Transmitter

As residents living near to the proposed site of this transmitter, my wife and I would like to oppose the grant of planning permission for this application.

The erection of this transmitter would not only be unsightly but also, in our opinion, inappropriate bearing in mind its proximity to residential dwellings, and current public and industry concern about health risks caused by mobile phone transmissions. Such concerns have yet to be quashed by scientific research and long-term testing, and if proven, properties near to such transmitters would be blighted for resale purposes. Compensation claims against the planning authorities that have already granted such permissions would be immense.

Having lived on the Lower Earley development since its early days, we have been pleased with the way Earley Town Council and Wokingham District Council have managed woodlands, water courses (especially Earley Lake), wildlife, walkways and recreational areas in the Laurel Park area. A 10-metre high metal phone transmitter and block-like base-station would be totally our of keeping, sited near a laurel-lined pathway along which I believe the owners of the Erleigh Estate once rode in horse-drawn carriages en route to their livery stables.

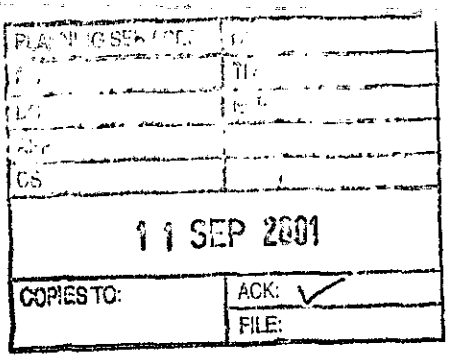
I should point out in addition, that those residents in Lower Earley with mobile phones could easily be blocking your switchboard with protest calls as you read this letter, since telephone reception in the area is already excellent — or put another way, we don't need any more transmitters!

Yours sincerely,

John & Carol Burbedge

cc. Earley Town Council

Your Ref: TL/2001/4651



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8th September 2001

Dear Mr Miller

Proposed 10 metre telecommunications mast and associated equipment cabin

I have received with dismay your notification of the above proposal by BT Cellnet. Considering current public opinion with regard to phone masts and the fact that scientific opinion has still to agree on the long term health effects of microwave transmissions - particularly on children, I regard it as insensitive if not downright arrogant for a large corporation like BT Cellnet to contemplate the siting of such a structure in such close proximity to both housing and recreational parkland.

A 10 metre high mast means that the full power of the mast would be beamed directly into adjacent properties at bedroom level. The site is also right next to a bus stop. And once established what guarantee is there that the site would not be enlarged or its power output increased? The technical need for this mast is also questionable as existing BT Cellnet signal strengths in the area are already adequate.

Aside from the health concerns a mast at this location would also be an eyesore severely impairing the visual amenity of the area; spoiling the view of Laurel Park; and downgrading the feel of the locality.

Is the proposed site on land regarded as highway or land that is part of Laurel Park? If Laurel Park then, planning regulations aside, the landowner must also agree to the plan and, presumably, the landowner in this case is the Council itself!

I urge the Council Planning Services Department to do all it can to block this proposal

Yours sincerely

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08 Sept 2001

Local resident Objection to Planning Application TL/2001/4651

Dear Joss,
Regarding the BT Cellnet planning application TL/2001/4651 for a 10 metre telecommunications mast and associated cabin equipment - location: Land adjacent to underpass Laurel park, football field/play-area side, adjacent to Barkby residences, opposite Swepstone residences.

I object to the proposed development in the strongest terms and urge Wokingham District Council planning officer to reject BT Cellnet's application for the proposed mast development.

1) BT Cellnet have plenty of other non-residential locations they could use. Any increased cost argument by BT Cellnet really doesn't stand up if it's at the expense of Lower Earley residents, their Council, and their quality of life. BT Cellnet's signal strength near proposed site is already excellent - no new mast is needed in that vicinity.

2) The proposed mast development site is unacceptably close to residential housing. in being only approximately 20 - 25 metres from the nearest residences.

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The path to Loddon School and the football field are 1 metre away, (also both used daily by children).

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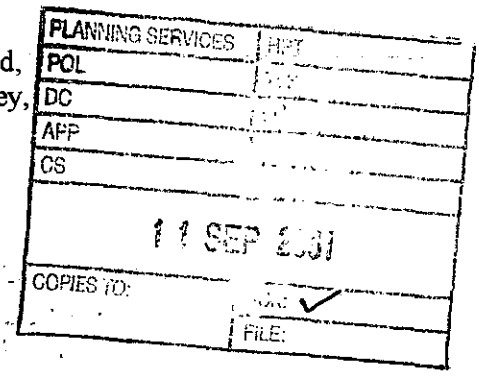

Dear Ms Miller,

Ref TL/2001/4651

I refer to your recent letter about the proposed erection of a telecommunications mast by BT Cellnet.

I have three areas of concern about the proposal which I wish to bring to your attention.

1. Suitability of site.

   Based on the application documents at Woodley library, the proposed mast will be sited on the boundary of the Laurel Park playing fields, adjacent to the Rushey Way pavement. The plans show that the mast will be taller than any of the existing structures in that area and so will be visually intrusive, dominating the view across the playing fields, and the view from both directions on Rushey Way. As such, it will be out of scale compared to its surroundings. Perhaps it might be relocated adjacent to the - similarly out of scale – Police Station?

2. Health and Safety.

   There remains ongoing concerns about the health issues surrounding telecommunications masts. I understand that, partly as a result of this uncertainty, Wokingham District Council have adopted a policy of not approving masts within 60 metres of residential property, schools and recreational areas and Earley Town Council have a policy of no transmitters. The proposal clearly breaches these policies.

3. Additional development.

   Based on the recent experience at Winnersh, there appears to be a propensity by telecommunication companies to extend applications by applying for an increase in the height of existing masts, or applying for further masts in the near vicinity of existing ones. I am therefore concerned that the acceptance of this proposal would result in eventual overdevelopment in the area.

Based on these factors, I do not support the existing proposal. I feel that it should either be rejected or further negotiations be conducted with BT Cellnet so that these, and any other concerns raised by local residents and Wokingham and Earley councils, can be addressed.

I would be grateful if my views could be included in submissions made to the Planning Services Committee when this application is considered.

Yours faithfully,

Stephen Thomas

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Dear Joss Miller,

We are writing to strongly object to Planning Application number TL/2001/4651, for the proposed erection of a telecommunications mast.

We are staggered that it could even be considered as an option, given the close proximity to residential housing. We are well aware of the adverse publicity that such installations have created in the past, and are most surprised that due to this lack of knowledge of the possible side effects, that consideration isn't given to erecting these masts in non-residential locations.

We have three young children and live very close to the planned site. We know that, where possible, these masts are not located near to schools, and given that our children spend more time at home than at school, it seems incredulous that a site should be considered near to housing.

We are very distressed at the thought of what we could be inflicting on our children and would be very grateful for some factual information on the rays emitted from these masts.

As I am sure you are aware, Laurel Park is used a great deal by children and adults alike, a large number of children walk past this site daily on their way to schools and the fields are used frequently for sports matches.

We understand the need for such masts to be installed but fail to see why they cannot be located away from housing - could the land running alongside the motorway not be used as a potential site?

Although the health aspects are obviously our chief concern, we also object on the grounds that such a tall mast will be detrimental to the surroundings, and that there is a high possibility that our house prices will be adversely affected.

Please, please take notice of our concerns and objections. This is a health and safety issue, about which there is a great deal of confusion and lack of knowledge. We must not allow these companies to ride 'roughshod' over us in their willingness to make ever larger profits. We must consider our long term children's health.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Wroot

Mike and Sarah Wroot

Local resident Objection to Planning Application TL/2001/4651:

Regarding the BT Cellnet planning application TL/2001/4651 for a 10 metre telecommunications mast and associated cabin equipment - location: Land adjacent to underpass Laurel park - football field/play-area side, adjacent to Barkby residences, opposite Swepstone residences:

We, the undersigned, object to the proposed development in the strongest terms as a resident of Swepstone Close and petition Wokingham District Council planning officer to reject BT Cellnet's proposed development application. We strongly object for reasons which include:-

- Unacceptable proximity to residential housing.
- Unacceptable proximity Schools access, bus stop, recreational play areas.
- The mast development will be out of keeping with surroundings and detrimental visual amenity and to quality of life of residents and park users.
- BT Cellnet have plenty of other non-residential locations they could use.
- If passed the proposed mast would also set precedence and open the floodgates to more and bigger masts in the immediate vicinity . It could also be too easily enlarged by BT Cellnet.
- The detrimental effect on Lower Earley local resident's house prices and ease of sale.
- I am concerned that there may be a health risk from long-term exposure to radiation from such a mobile phone mast. Until there is concrete proof that there is no long-term health risk to residents living close to the mast then Council should reject this BT Cellnet mast application in close proximity to residences in the interest of long-term community health and safety.

Name	Address	Signature Date
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Local resident Objection to Planning Application TL/2001/4651: Petition for the Council to reject the application.			
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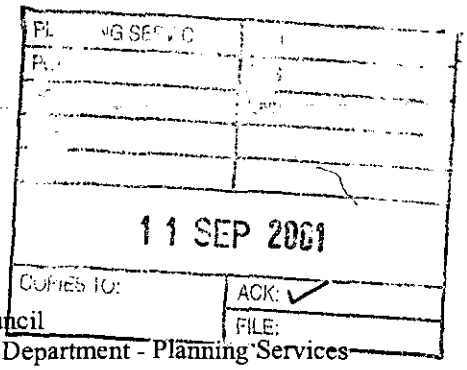

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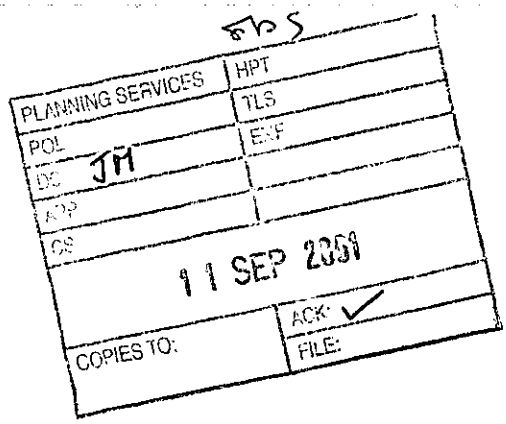

08th September 01

Dear Sir,

Ref : Planning Application No. TL/2001/4651

Please accept this letter as a formal request of objection to the proposed installation of a 10m Telecom mast and associated equipment on the following grounds

- The proposed location is in the middle of a residential area and it is my understanding that BT have other non residential locations they could use
- Additionally to the item above, the signal strength is already more than adequate, can BT prove a need for this mast?
- Wokingham D.C. own guidelines for masts are 60meters from residential areas, the distance from my house is less than 30, I would take this point to a court if required
- Earley council are against any masts permanently
- The position is on or very close to a bus stop and playing fields, this does not seem logical to me?
- Ascetically, the mast would look like a carbuncle on the surrounding land and hedging and visually an eyesore
- There is still a certain amount of unknown about the side effects over the installation of these transmitters, can Wokingham D.C. give me a letter of guarantee that these masts are completely free of any harmful side effects?

I have full confidence in Wokingham D.C. will give this objection a full and considered opinion.

Kind Regards

Mark Wilson

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DEAR MR MILLER,

APPLICATION NO: TL/2001/4651 (10M TELECOM MAST, LAUREL PARK)

I AM WRITING TO LODGE MY OBJECTION TO THE ABOVE PLANNING APPLICATION.

THE SITE IS VERY CLOSE TO HOUSING, WOKINGHAMS POLICY IS A MINIMUM OF 60 METRES FROM RESIDENTIAL HOUSING, SCHOOLS AND CHILDRENS PLAY AREAS. MY CHILDREN + MANY OTHERS PLAY ON THIS SITE, THERE ARE HOUSES CLOSER THAN 60M, MY CHILDREN AND OTHERS WALK PAST THIS SITE SEVERAL TIMES DAILY.

I ALSO HAVE HEALTH + SAFETY CONCERNS, THE GOVERNMENTS OWN WEB PAGE STATES:

" GAPS IN SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE LED THE STEWART GROUP TO RECOMMEND A PRECAUTIONARY APPROACH TO THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND BASE STATIONS UNTIL MORE RESEARCH FINDINGS BECOME AVAILABLE. THEY ADDED THAT IN SOME CASES PEOPLES WELL BEING MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY INSENSITIVE SITING OF BASE STATIONS. "

I FEEL THAT THIS IS AN INSENSITIVE SITE AND LIKELY TO LOWER THE VALUES OF HOUSES IN THE AREA. THERE ARE MANY SITES ALONG THE LEVELS ON THE EDGE OF THE M4 WHERE THIS MAST COULD BE POSITIONED AWAY FROM HOUSING.

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FAO Joss Miller – Planning Case Officer

Dear Sirs

Application No. TL/2001/4651
Site Address: Land Adjacent To Underpass, Laurel Park, Rushey Way, Lower Earley, Reading
Proposal: Proposed erection of one 10 metre telecommunications mast and associated equipment cabin

Please find detailed below observations and official objections to the proposed development above.

1. ***Objection*** – That the Council has a biased commercial interest in the development due to the potential rental income generated by this privately owned structure being situated on Council land.

2. **Objection** – That the proposal is for a commercial development within a residential area.

3. **Objection** – That the operator has not provided any evidence regarding the need for this mast contrary to PPG 8 (Revised) Para. 5

4. **Objection** – That no pre-application discussions with residential groups, as set out in PPG 8 (Revised) Para. 10 were carried out.

5. **Objection** – That the operator has not provided any evidence that they have explored mast sharing or sharing an existing site in the area as an alternative contrary to PPG 8 (Revised) Para. 21.

6. **Objection** – That the operator has not provided sufficient information of its design to enable a consideration of the mast's impact on the environment.

7. **Objection** – That the operator has not provided examples of different design solutions contrary to PPG 8 (Revised) Para. 26.

8. **Objection** – That the operator has not given consideration to the screening and planting around the mast contrary to PPG 8 (Revised) Para. 28.

9. **Objection** – That the operator has not included a statement that self-certifies that the mast when operational will meet the ICNIRP guidelines contrary to PPG 8 (Revised) Appendix Para. 99.

10. **Objection** – That the operator has not included a statement indicating the height of any antenna, the frequency and the modulation characteristics, and details of the power output contrary to PPG 8 (Revised) Appendix Para. 99.

11. **Objection** – That there is a potential for significant interference with other electrical equipment and the operator has not indicated if any discussions with the Radiocommunication Agency have taken place contrary to PPG 8 (Revised) Appendix Para. 103.

12. **Objection** – That the height of the proposed mast is such that the height of the houses in Barkby and the trees on the south side of Rushey Way may provide interference with the operational efficiency of the mast. {PPG 8 (Revised) Appendix Para. 103.}

13. **Objection** – That the operator has not provided evidence to support the fact that the applicant has carried out risk assessments for this proposed site, in accordance with current Health and Safety Legislation and recommendations made in PPG 8 (Revised) Appendix Para. 93.

14. **Objection** – That the mast poses a real and genuine health risk to maintenance operatives working near to the mast itself ie the adjacent lamppost. This risk can be perceived as coming either directly from microwave emissions from the mast.

15. **Objection** – That the mast poses a real and genuine health risk to members of the public living, working or passing-by near to the mast itself. This risk can be perceived as coming directly from microwave emissions from the mast.

16. **Objection** – The mast has the potential to destroy, or at the very least adversely affect local wildlife.

17. **Objection** – That the proximity of the mast to residential property and Laurel Park (public open space) will be invasive and intrusive. And thereby affect the amenity of the area.

I look forward to your official response to the points raised above – please do not allow a lack of response on the Council's behalf to be responsible for this development proceeding by default. I urge you to reject this application.

Yours faithfully

Roger Lindsay

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Dear Sir.

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Re B.T. Cellnet
Transmitter at
Laurel Park.

I strongly against this.
Proposal of B.T. Cellnet mast.
As it affect my property
Cause my health.

Thankyou

Yours
Faithfully

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To

Joss Miller
Env. Ses Dept
P.o Box 157
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Dear Sir

Re Planning App TL/2001/4551
for 10 meter B.T. cellnet phone transmitter mast.

I am strongly against this approval as we do not needed in my locallatity.
It will affect my propesty and my health

Thankyou

Carol Hurst

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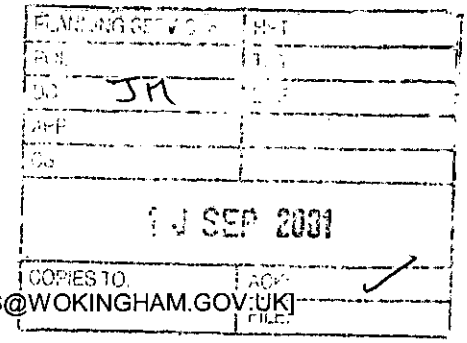

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Comments:

I am writing to object to the 10 metre BT Cellnet Phone transmitter mast being planned for the land adjacent to the underpass at Laurel Park.

Whilst I believe that health risks have not been proved, I understand that guidelines try and avoid these masts being placed near schools. Whilst Laurel Park is not near a school, it is on a school route, it is beside a bus stop used extensively for school buses, the park is obviously used by school children, many of whom use the park to fly kites which I believe would be an additional health hazard. In addition the mast is close to homes whose occupants include young children. I also understand that it is policy to site these masts a minimum of 60 metres away from residential properties, this mast is due to be placed less than 20 metres from some properties.

I also object to having to view this mast from my window. Was the decision to cut down the Laurel bushes made specially to improve my view of this mast? I also believe that the site of this mast from my window may have a detrimental effect on my house value and other houses in the area.

I also envisage that any additional power cabins will be like a homing beacon to the children who play around the park and may also be ripe for graffiti etc.

The Park is a public place and I do not see why we have to put up with a mast, which would be better off closer to the M4 where there are plenty of open spaces.

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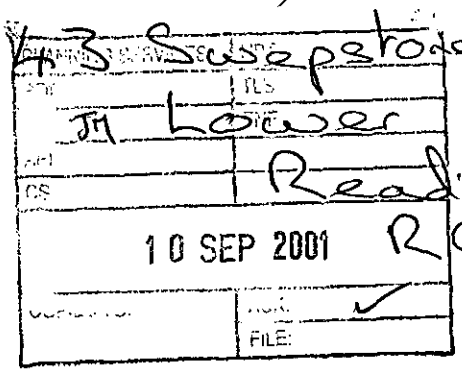

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Dear Joss Miller

I am writting to request that the local Police are consulted with regard to the construction of the above mast and cabin.

Local Knowledge would make BT Cellnet aware of the level of criminal activity in the Laurel Park area. I believe that the local Police will confirm that if this mast has anything of value on it, it will walk!! BT Cellnet would also discover that a small but significant number of youths/young men are involved in substance abuse and are not in a fit mental state to be deterred by possible health risks of interferring with the mast.

The result of all this would be the continuing presence of a repair van and the mast probably being left in a dangerous state by what is a childrens play area. I do have concerns about teenage boys messing about and taking risks with the mast or cabin. What plans have been made to stop them doing this?

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As a victim of crime I would be very unhappy at police-man hours being spent on thefts / vandalism of the mast or of warning children off it.

I hope that BTCellnet can find a suitable area very near the M4 that will be noisy / windy and generally unattractive to youths and curious children.

Yours sincerely

Angela Tuke (Mrs)

Date:

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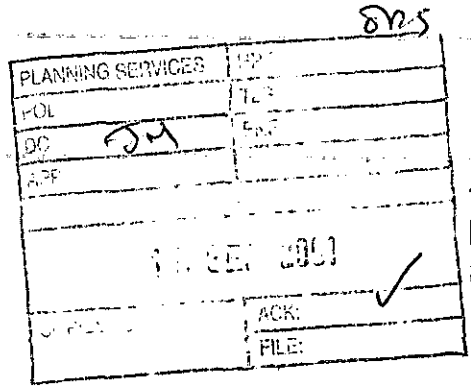

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5th September 2001

Dear Mr Miller,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my family as we strongly object to the planning application TL/20014651 10 Metre BT Cellnet Phone Transmitter Mast in the land adjacent to Laurel Park which is close to our home..

There is absolutely no need that I can see for such a structure in a residential area such as ours. I am a BT Cellnet user and the existing service is perfectly good and I cannot understand why additional transmitters are required.

I work at our local hospital and I am well aware of the possible health hazards associated with this equipment and I have deep concerns about the possible effects of such a structure so close to my family. All of my family use Laurel Park for recreation purposes and my children use the park daily for access to their school. Local volunteers have worked extremely hard and invested time and money into making the area as attractive as possible and you are considering destroying this with an obviously non-essential structure. There are very few open spaces left in Lower Earley and it is essential we keep these areas safe from another unnecessary eyesore.

We are prepared to go to any length to prevent this transmitter being built and strongly urge you to deny this application for planning permission especially as it is really not necessary.

Yours Sincerely

Susan Worsley (Mrs)

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Mr. J. Miller.
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Mr/s. P. Bartolo.
29 Sweetstone Close,
Lower Earley
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Berkshire. RG6 3EZ.

Ref: TL/2001/4651.
5th September 2001.

Dear Mr. Miller,

Further to your letter dated the 22nd August 2001, informing us about BT Cellnet Ltd's intention to erect a 10 metre Telecommunications mast and associated equipment cabin in Laurel Park.
I hereby write to you and inform you that we fully oppose of such a thing to be erected at the stated place on Rushey Way.

1. Once you approve to erect one mast, you are, in fact, opening the floodgate to more and bigger masts from other mobile operators.

2. As there is no concrete proof that there is no health risk from long term exposure, are you and Wokingham District Council prepared to except full responsibility should anything happen to our children in the future, the cause being due to exposure to the continuously beaming of full power from these mobile phone transmitters. Please note my children's bedrooms are approximately 23 metre away from the Underpass on Laurel Park.

Mr. Miller do you have children? Would you allow such a mast to be erected near your home? Would you risk your family's health?

3. People use Laurel Park for walks, relexation, joging, football etc.... If BT Cellnet is given the goahead with such project, you are in fact destroying people's lives and there freedom. DO NOT destroy what's left of Laurel Park.

Say YES to Beauty - Laurel Park.
Say No to the BEAST - BT Cellnet.

4. I will also hold you and Wokingham District Council fully responsible should it effect the price of our house and ease of sale.

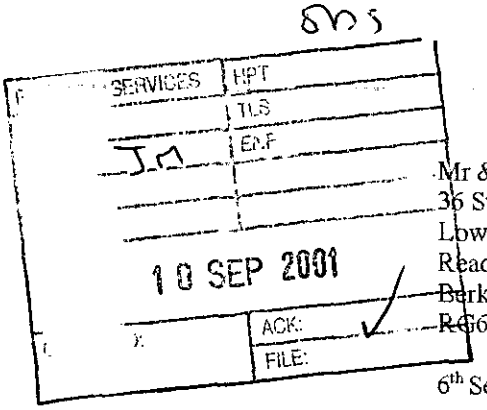
5. Are you aware that most people are on holiday during the months of August and September? I wonder as to why your letter went out in the middle of August. In fact we have just arrived back from our holiday giving just a few days to respond.

I await your reply.

Yours disgusted

D. & S. Bartolo.

Paul Bartolo Debbie Bartolo.



Mr & Mrs A Patel
36 Swepstone Close
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6th September 2001

Fao: Joss Miller
Environmental Services Department
Planning Services
PO Box 157
Shute End
Wokingham RG40 1WR

Dear Ms Miller

RE: PLANNING APPLICATION No. TL/2001/4651
Proposed erection of 10m Telecom mast and associated equipment cabin -
Rushey Way (Land adjacent to underpass in Laurel Park) - BT Cellnet.

We write to object to the above planning application. My husband and I feel strongly that the erection of a telecom mast so close to our home would be detrimental to our young family in many ways:-

1. It would be less than 20 to 30m from our house. (Wokingham District Council policy being a minimum of 60m).

2. It would be clearly visible from our window, obstructing our views across Laurel Park.

3. Possible Health risks and safety issues concerning long term exposure to the signals emitted. As we have three young children, this is a point we feel extremely strongly about.

4. Effects on house prices in our area.

We are unsure as to why BT would wish to place a transmitter so close to such a populated residential area, with so many young families, and are sure they could relocate to a more suitable position.

We sincerely hope that this planning application is rejected, as we are aware not only of our own fears and anxieties on the matter, but also those of other residents on Swepstone Close.

Yours faithfully

P Patel (Mrs)

cc. Richard Raymond
Earley Town Council

35 Swepstone Close
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Mr Joss Miller
Development Control Officer
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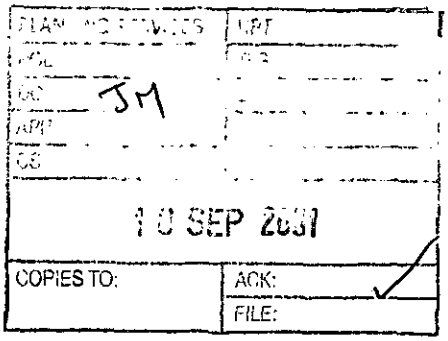

7th September 2001

Reference: TL/2001/4651

Dear Mr Miller

We write to you to object to the application for erection of a BT Cellnet transmitter in Laurel Park. The grounds for our objection are as follows:

1. The proposed location is unacceptably close to residential housing and play areas. In our view there are many non-residential areas where such a transmitter could be erected if it is really required.
2. It is however, our view that a transmitter is not needed in this area, as there is no problem with obtaining phone signals.
3. The size and location of the mast would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the area. The mast would be easily visible from Rushey Way, Laurel Park and from the surrounding residential area.
4. In our opinion the erection of this mast would have a negative impact on the value of our property and would reduce our ability to resell the house in the future.
5. We are concerned that the mast represents a significant source of radiation, and long term exposure could be damaging to our health. We do not consider that there has been proof by the Department of Health that this is not the case.
6. We feel that granting this application would set a precedent for further installation of large numbers of transmitters in this residential area.

In summary, we would ask you to reject the above application, as not being in the interests of the residents of the area.

Yours sincerely

IP Walker J M Walker.

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Mr. Joss Miller

I wish to appeal against the planning application for the BT Transmitter in Laurel Park. TL/20014651.

I live with my family very close to proposed site. I catch the bus every day hardly 10 metres away. I use the park on a

regular basis, as do hundreds of other people. It will be out of keeping with surroundings Health and Safety is another issue. The fact is there is no concrete proof that there is no Health risk from long term exposure!

How long before the transmitter is made bigger?

It could affect ease of sale and house prices. How can you possibly contemplate putting the transmitter in the middle of a residential area.

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Yours Sincerely

Mrs C.A. Clench.

Mrs. J. D. Swain
39 Harrington Close
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Dear Mr Miller,

I wish to register my objection to the siting of a 3G Cellnet Phone Transmitter mast in Laurel Park, Lower Earley.

The mast will be less than 20 metres from houses with children and the footpath to Loddon School and the football field, both used daily by children is 1 metre away. I believe your policy is a minimum of 60 metres. This proposed transmitter will be contentiously beaming full strength into children bedrooms 25 metres away.

Yours

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Joss Miller
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4th September 2001

Dear Sir

RE: TL/20014651 – B T CELLNET TRANSMITTER

I write with reference to the above proposal to erect a B T Cellnet Transmitter in the Laurel Park proximity.

I strongly oppose this on the following grounds:-

1. Walking my two children to school along Rushey Way is in itself a gamble with your life, safety is of paramount importance and with this transmitter health will SURELY be affected, this hasn't been proven otherwise. Children play in the park and it is the ONLY green area in Lower Earley not spoilt.

2. I personally, and many of my neighbours, have not seen a planning application, until this was brought to our attention we were in the dark. It has obviously been kept quiet, we all know the reason for this.

3. There are plenty of other areas where this mast can be located, near the Motorway on the ground at the bottom of Carshalton Way (Rushey Way North). This will be far away from houses and pedestrians.

4. Finally, the value of our houses which will decrease if this is allowed to be erected.

I would welcome your comments on this.

Yours faithfully

Hazel Bell

Mrs H Bell

cc. Town Clerk

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Dear sir/madam

I am writing concerning planning application TL/20014651 for the building of a BT Cellnet phone transmitter mast. I understand that they would like to place the mast in Laurel Park next to the football fields within 20 metres of residential properties.

As there is concern that these transmitters are a health risk to people, children in particular, and with there being no proof to say otherwise I find it hard to understand why a council would consider such an application.

It is unacceptable to have such a mast so close to residential properties but to put it on the edge of a very popular playing field and within 5 metres of a busy bus stop is inexcusable. Especially when there are plenty of other non-residential sights were this mast could be placed.

Wokingham district councils own policy states that such masts should be a minimum of 60 metres from residential houses, schools and play areas. Whilst Earley Town councils policy is that there should be no mobile phone transmitters in residential areas, a stance I think that Wokingham council should also adopt.

Yours faithfully

Keith Alexander.

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Joss Miller
Development Control Officer
Wokingham District Council
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Ref. TL/2001/4651

Dear Mr. Miller,

I have received your letter regarding BT Cellnet's proposed erection of a 10 metre telecommunications mast in the corner of Laurel Park, Rushey Way, Lower Earley.

I wish to state my objection to this on the following grounds.

* The unacceptable proximity to residential housing and play areas.
* Next to a bus stop used by school children.
* Beside a well used foothpath and underpass.
* Next to a sports area which is well used by football players and children's football teams,

* Out of keeping with the area, visually detremental, and affecting the quality of life in the area.

* The transmitter would effect house prices in the area.

* Public concerns on health and saftey. There are worries about the health aspect of these masts, especially for children.

* There is no need for this mast in a residential area.

Yours Sincerely

David Goulston

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Joss Miller (case officer)
Environmental Services Department
Planning Services
Wokingham District Council

5 September 2001

RE: Planning Application TL/20014651, BT Cellnet transmitter in Laurel Park

Dear Joss Miller,

I am writing to strongly object to the planning application, referred to above.

Before I list my objections and queries, I would like to ask why I was not included in the consultation carried out with local residents?

Although I live several hundred metres from the proposed transmitter, the opinion of all local residents should have been asked for and taken into account as the transmitter would be adjacent to a public open space frequently used by our children. Subsequently, I only had a short time in which to find out details of the proposal and object before the deadline for objections of 14 September 2001.

Objections

1. There is much public concern regarding the possible long-term health risks associated with telecommunications transmitters. Potential risks from long-term exposure have not been conclusively ruled out. As a parent I can't stress strongly enough that until such time as conclusive proof is available that shows such transmitters are not harmful, they should not be constructed in residential areas or near schools.
2. I understand from the duty planning officer, that WDC follow guidelines which state that transmitters should be no closer than 60 metres from residential housing, schools and recreational children's play areas. The proposed transmitter is roughly 1 metre from a recreational children's play area and 20 metres from the closest residential housing.
3. There are relatively few green open spaces in Lower Early in comparison with the enormous number of housing developments. The transmitter will be out of keeping with the surroundings and will ruin the view across the field from adjacent houses.
4. Leisure activities such as kite flying at this end of the park would be difficult.

Queries

1. I understand from the duty planning officer at WDC that Policy TC1 of the Structure Plan 1995 and Policy WIC14 of the Local Plan state that proposed telecommunications transmitters, that might cause significant adverse impact can only be permitted where the proposed site is the only one suitable. Has the feasibility of constructing the transmitter at other non-residential locations been investigated, demonstrated in the application and dismissed?
2. Has this transmitter been proven necessary? BT Cellnet reception in this area is more than adequate.
3. If the transmitter is permitted will this set a precedent allowing further transmitters to be constructed in the area by other mobile phone operators?

I would be appreciate a response to the above queries and would be grateful if you could let me have details of the approval process and whether I will have a further opportunity to raise objections.

Yours sincerely,
Chris Wheeler

Cc: John Redwood MP
Cllr D A Hare, Cllr F Rolls, Cllr A W Spratling, Cllr B Carpenter, Cllr C Smith, Cllr B Swindells
Town Clerk, Earley Town Council

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04 September 2001

Ms Joss Miller
Environmental services Dept.
Wokingham

Dear Ms Joss Miller

Permission to build a new phonemast in Lowerell Park

I received your letter with regards to the above and I would like to draw your attention to the following points

① First of all, I disagree with the fact of the "Health concern" as there is no strong evidence saying that it has not got any detrimental health effect, and none of the companies seems to accept any responsibility should anything go wrong healthwise in future.

② At present, there are so many other non-residential areas in Reading specially near A33 - Basingstoke road where BT-cellnet can build a new phonemast. I would strongly object them building

it here in Hameal Park, which is a family / Residential area.

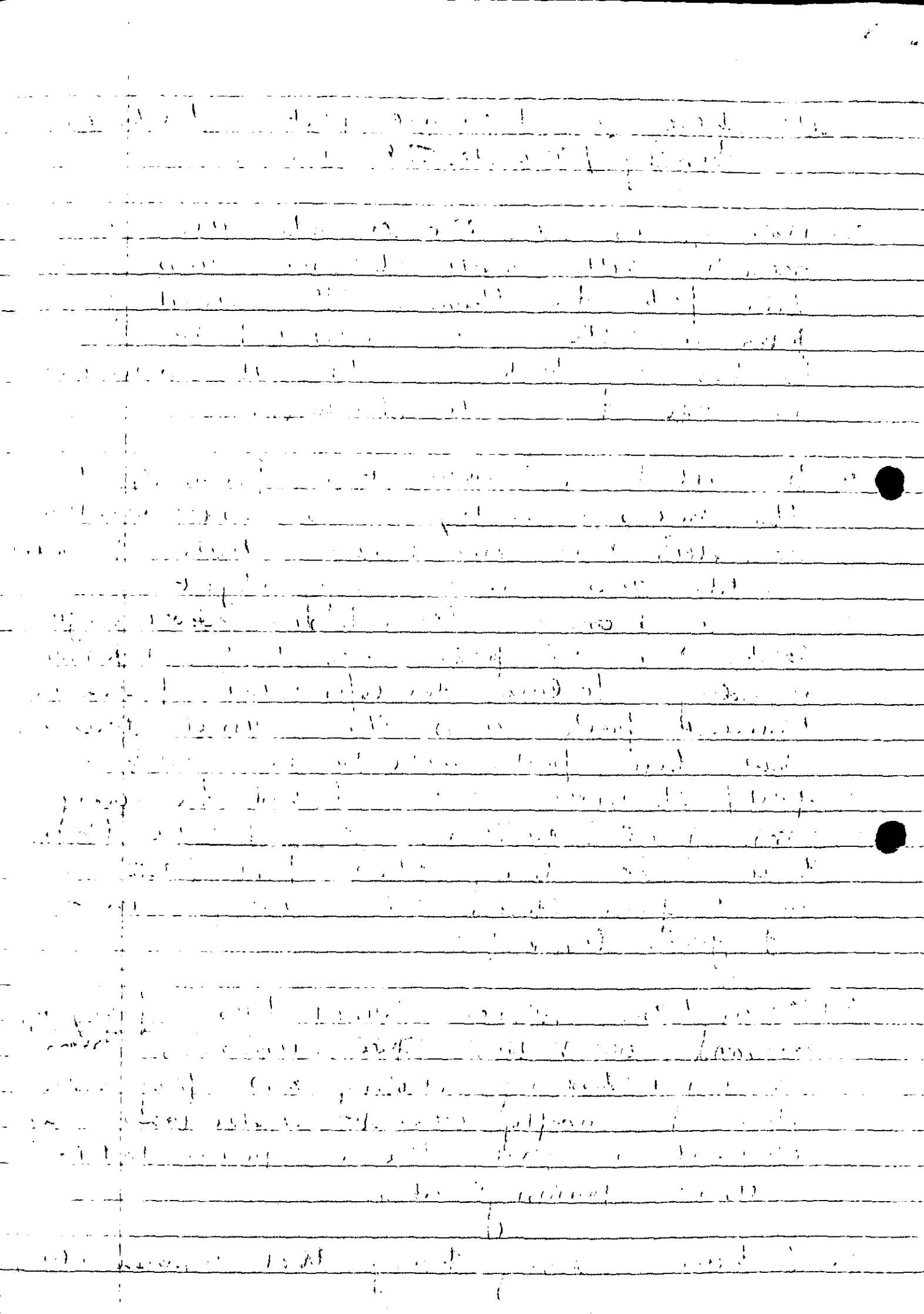
③ Most of us who live in this area are families with small children and wear this park for them. If council gives permission then we could not be able to them in park as then it could not be safe for small children.

④ It will be in Unacceptable proximity to the houses in barkby - just about - less than 20 meters from my house which I could not like and could strongly object.

We bought this house about 2 years back and we paid you to get information regarding future developmental plans in Hameal park and the council told us that this park will be used solely as park/ childrens area & not for any commercial reasons. We bought this house considering that fact and to my surprise decision has changed in just 2 years time!

⑤ Wolvingham District Council has a policy of minimum 60 meters space allowances from Residential housing, schooling and play area - then I simply cannot understand why council is giving the acceptance to BT - cellnet planning also

⑥ I have a strong feeling that commercialising



Lawrence park will then drastically drop down house prices in our area and selling house then could be extremely difficult as it will come in local search. this will be an extremely stressful situation and I will blame council for that.

(7) Once you give permission to BT-cellnet other mobile companies then could like to use Lawrence park for the same and also no guarantee that BT-cellnet will not convert it in future to a larger / powerful transmission centre. If accepted it will allow gate for another mobile phone companies, & I will held council responsible for the same.

As you could see from above I strongly disagree regarding BT-cellnet using our Lawrence park to build a transmission centre here. I feel others in this area have the same feelings.

I will await your reply.

-thanking you.

Yours

MR. HITESH RANA

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DEVELOPMENT CONTROL OFFICER
WOKINGHAM D.C.

Dear Ms. Jan Miller

With reference to your TL/2001/46519
do not want to see a B.T. mast a
cabin at Laurel Park, Rushey Way,
Lower Earley

1. I have a BT Cellnet there and do not have any difficulty with reception
2. I think this would be a stepping stone to newer & bigger masts in this area
3. I have concern on health & safety grounds. A bus stop is quite close and children use the footpath extensively
4. We elected the Councillors to look after our interest, Please carry this out.

Yours faithfully

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Joss Miller
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2 September 2001

Ref: TL/2001/4651

Dear Joss Miller

We are writing with our objections to the proposed BT Cellnet Transmitter at Laurel Park, Lower Earley. Our feelings against this planning application are strong and serious and we hope that Wokingham District Council will support us by not allowing this proposal to proceed any further.

1. Health
Although the health risks have not been proved, they have not been disproved, and, as parents of 3 young children, I would not wish to expose them or any of the other nearby resident families to constantly raised levels of radiation which would undoubtedly accompany the erection of this mast. Furthermore, once erected, new more powerful transmitters may be attached with unknown potentially harmful effects. Lets not take the risk!

2. Visual
The proposed mast is not in keeping with the nature of the site and would create a visual nuisance, being taller than anything else in the vicinity. We feel as Lower Earley residents that we have already been subjected to excessive visual disturbance with the construction of the "monstrous" police station. Please reject this planning application.

3. Site
The proposed site is intended for leisure pursuits and as a childrens playing area, as well as being very residential. Surely there must be far more suitable non-residential locations in which to erect any necessary masts. Insensitive siting of masts would create an adverse feeling of well-being among Lower Earley residents as well as the undesirable effect on local property prices.

We would ask that this application is rejected, because of the objections raised above, and would hope that the council will support us and not compromise the health and safety of our vulnerable children (to whom the potential risks are much greater) for the sake of being carried away on a wave of "must-have" conveniences!

We would ask you, Joss Miller to take responsibility and make your decision on behalf of the residents/electorate who are against this proposal, and not on behalf of the giant corporations.

Yours sincerely

Cheryl Walker

Michael Walker

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4 September 2001

Dear Sirs

Planning Application TL/2001/4651
Land adjacent to Underpass, Laurel Park, Rushey Way, Lower Earley, Reading
Proposed 10 metre BT Cellnet Ltd telecommunications mast.

I was aghast to learn of the proposals to erect a telecommunications mast on land adjacent to Laurel Park and wish to strongly oppose the plans for the following reasons:

Although sited adjacent to open land, the site is also adjacent to a high concentration of residential properties, typically occupied by families with young children. Whilst yet to be proved, there is growing evidence linking such transmitters with diseases such as leukaemia and until conclusive proof exists that there is no health risks caused by them then it is socially irresponsible to provide consent. Public concern is growing and little faith can be placed in the assurances given as to the safety of transmitters. The truth is that we simply do not know the level of risk associated with the masts and for the sake of the health, particularly of young children, must treat such proposals as potential health risks.

Alternative sites are available nearby, for example, adjacent to the motorway where noise pollution is unlikely to lead to further housing development.

Lower Earley has already seen intense development; area previously designated open land has been transformed into further housing development or for retail use. Laurel Park provides a stark contrast to this concentrated development, a welcome relief offering open land with views above the housing estates to the south of Rushey Way. Any mast of this nature will be detrimental to the views from the park, spoiling one of the few remaining undeveloped areas in Lower Earley.

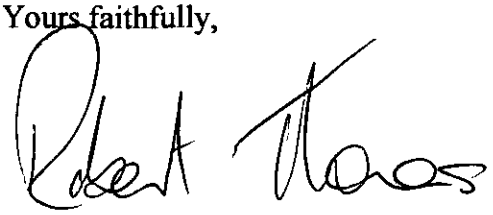
As a local resident, my views from my property will similarly be affected to that from Laurel Park. Views of the trees surrounding the park provide relief from the rows of roof tiles and a mast would only be detrimental to the immediate scenery.

Having a young family myself, I have become involved in running and managing an Under 10's football team within a local club appropriately called "Laurel Park F C". The club provides football to boys and girls from the age of 6 and above. In keeping with the name, the club uses the playing fields of Laurel Park for training and matches. We currently use that part of the field directly adjacent to the proposed site of the transmitter and parents have voiced clear opposition to us continuing to use the facilities should the mast be given consent. With ever reducing playing fields,

growing numbers of housing developments resulting in more children seeking local football facilities, clubs such as ours find it increasingly difficult to find a "home". Laurel Park provides us with the amenities that we need at present but if parents' demand we move away from the proposed mast then we would be forced out of Lower Earley due to the lack of alternative sites.

Quality of life is continually under pressure in the area; mobile phone reception in Laurel Park is of a high quality as it is in the surrounding residential areas. I cannot see any benefits that the mast would bring to the immediate area and wish to register my strongest opposition to the plans for the reasons I have outlined above.

Yours faithfully,



Robert Thomas

c.c. Earley Town Council

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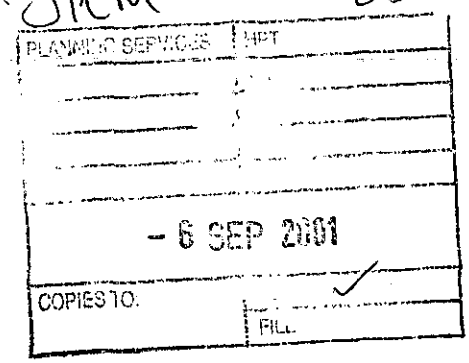

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2nd September 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

Further to your letter dated 29th August 2001 regarding Planning Application No. TL/2001/4651 – Proposed erection of 10m Telecom mast and associated equipment cabin – Rushey Way – BT Cellnet. I am writing to object for a number of reasons/concerns:

- According to the plans this will be situated in the field near the road. The field is constantly played on for football matches and also by children; sometimes kites are flown.

- Houses are in very close proximity to the mast and from what I've heard the mast produces microwave waves which, if this is the case, is not good for anyone especially children who play on the field. Do they cause cancer like pylons? Are they electrical i.e. if someone climbs could it kill them?

- The mast will be very unsightly and probably reduce house prices making selling very difficult.

I know that these concerns might seem trivial but I'm a mother who moved to Lower Earley bearing these matters in mind and unfortunately are unable to move at this time if this mast was erected. This area is a very built up one. The numerous people I know who have mobiles have no trouble with signals. However they do have trouble in hilly rural areas. Why can't this mast be placed in a non built up area which is rural away from playing fields, children and houses?

Yours faithfully

RA Logue

Mrs RA Logue

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Shute End
Wokingham. Berkshire. RG40 1WR.

Dear Sir,

Planning Application No TL/2001/4651

We are writing to request that BT Cellnet are refused planning permission for a telecom mast and equipment cabin at the south-west corner of Laurel Park.

We do not beleive that any area of the parks, sports fields, pavements, bus stop areas and paths and adjacent banks, no matter if just a small fragment, within our densly populated residential area should be handed over to a commercial organisation, private company or p.l.c. for them to profit from.

This is once again a communications company. We remember quite clearly another communications company in the early 1990's, "Alcatel" I beleive, cable TV and telephones, who with the blessing of the District Council made a scruffy mess of our pavements and disregarded the guidelines and schedules for liason with residents and the revised parking of vehicles.

There were some unpleasant exchanges when residents had to remind the contractors of their responsibilities. Alcatel were unable and unwilling to manage the project. We have yet to receive a written apology from either Alcatel or the District Council for this most unsatisfactory episode.

If the authorities do not wish to apologise then that's just fine, we know where we stand, but do not expect anything other than an abrupt NO to any such similar venture.

We do not believe that a telecom mast is required; we have 3 mobile telephones in this household, all on the BT cellnet network. The signal in this area is quite adequate, unlike some other parts of the British Isles which would benefit from some improvement.

Why right next to a bus stop, pavement and pedestrian underpass when there are clear concerns and guidelines about safe siting and distancing of these structures? My wife, her daughter and I walk our dog twice a day within a few yards of the proposed site.

About a quarter of a mile away is a very tall police station, already fitted with radio masts. Has anybody researched the possibility of siting a telecom mast there, if indeed such a mast is so desperately needed? I should think the Thames Valley Constabulary would be quite interested in discussing the financial rewards.

And just what are the financial rewards? Please inform us in writing of exactly how much money the District Council would be receiving if a telecom mast and equipment hut were to be built? What kind of reduction in council tax could we expect, given that such an unsightly and possibly unhealthy device would adversely affect the value and ease of sale of our homes?

Please be quite open and honest in your answers.

Yours Faithfully

Neil Peters.
Mrs. Sally Peters.
Miss Holly Potter

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Mr & Mrs L Wilkin
63 Measham Way
Lower Earley

3rd August 2001.

Dear Sir,

Re - Proposed Telecom Mast
Planning Application TL/2001/4651
Laurel Park.

Our main concern are the health risks to long term exposure to these transmitters. This is a residential area and the proposed site for this mast encroaches the government regulation that a minimum of fifty metres should be maintained from any housing. This siting would in fact be only twenty metres from housing in Silverstone Close and within forty metres from residences in Measham Way. This would also be adjacent to

the bus stop, where children wait for the bus to school, and use the park in their leisure time. As for any assurances that these transmitters are not harmful are yet to be proved.

We feel that Laurel Park should never have been considered as a suitable location for such a mast. This is a play area for our children and wish it to remain so. Surely there must be rural sites more suitable.

Our other concern is if this proposal were to go ahead, how long before these transmitters become bigger and more powerful and other phone companies want their masts in this location.

We trust having considered our concerns that this planning application be rejected.

Yours Sincerely

L Wilson

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Joss Miller
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Dear Mr Miller

Application Number: TL/2001/4651

I write in response to your letter dated 22 August 2001.

As a resident of Lower Earley I am horrified to learn of your plans to allow a 10 metre telcommunications mast to be erected in such a residential area. I understand that your policy is that masts should be erected at least 60 metres from residential housing, schools and recreational areas, yet the proposed site for this mast is less than 60 metres away from residences in Swepstone Close, Measham Way, Owston Close, Marefied Way, Knossington Close and indeed Ratby Close where I live. Furthermore it is right next to a footpath to Loddon School, a football field and 5 metres away from a very busy bus stop. Surely BT Cellnet must have other non-residential sites which would be much more appropriate?

I personally feel that such a mast would be totally out of keeping with the surroundings and am also concerned that it may affect the price of my home and that it may make my property less attractive to prospective buyers should I wish to move. I am not prepared to suffer a reduction in the value of my property, purely to satisfy the greed of the network operators taking advantage of a loophole to maximise their profits to the detriment of the local community and to my family.

I also have major concerns about the health and safety aspect of erecting a mast in such a densley populated area, as I understand that there is no concrete proof that there is no health risk following long term exposure. However, I am not prepared to risk my family's health for any such corporation.

I understand that it is Earley Town Council's policy not to allow mobile phone transmitters in residential areas and therefore I must suggest in the strongest possible terms that this 'tower' is entirely inappropriate and unacceptable.

As a customer of BT Cellnet I find their coverage in this area already adequate and would therefore question the validity of their planning application.

If we allow this mast to be erected it will set a precedent for every mobile phone operator to do the same in our community.

I suggest that if the Chairman of BT Cellnet wishes to have another transmitter that he erect it in his own front garden, as we certainly do not want it near ours!

I trust that you will look into this matter with the utmost urgency and that you will reject the planning application accordingly.

Yours sincerely

K J Hill

Mrs Karen Hill

(cc Earley Town Council)

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Sunday, 2nd September 2001

Joss Miller
Development Control Officer
Planning Office
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Shute End
Wokingham
Berks
RG40 1WR

Dear Mr Miller

Re: Planning Application No TL/2001/4651 – Proposed erection of 10 metre Telecom mast and associated equipment cabin – Rushey Way (land adjacent to underpass in Laurel Park – BT Cellnet)

I am writing to express my objection to the above proposal for the following three reasons:

1. I am particularly concerned with the much-publicised possible health implications linked to living in close proximity to such masts. The mast would be within 40 metres of many residential properties particularly including Swepstone Close and Measham Way and of course immediately next to a regularly used bus stop, footpath to a children's play area and sports field. I understand that your policy is to not allow such transmitters within 60 metres of residential housing, schools and children's play areas.
2. I believe that the mast would represent an eyesore and blot on the landscape spoiling the otherwise good views from the front of my property. Building the mast might have a detrimental effect on the value of my property
3. BT Cellnet reception is already excellent in this area so I am bewildered as to the need for a mast in the proposed location. I wonder whether there might be some more sinister intent for longer-term development.

I do strongly object to the proposal and trust that you will take the above comments into consideration when giving the matter your consideration

Yours sincerely

Trevor Blunn

Trevor Blunn
(Householder)

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04th September 2001

5 Ratby Close
Lower Earley
Reading
RG6 4ER

Dear Sir

Ref.: Planning Application BT CELLNET TRANSMITTER- TL/20014651).

I wish to register an objection to the above based on the following;

No to BT Cellnet Transmitter I Laurel Park football field / play area:
Planning application TL/20014651 for 10 metre BT Cellnet Phone transmitter mast, land adjacent to Underpass on Laurel Park; located on edge of football field, adjacent to Bark by residences (see map).

New phone mast not needed; and BT Cellnet have plenty of other non-residential locations: BT Cellnet's signal strength near proposed site is already excellent -no new mast is needed. Regardless, there are plenty of non-residential locations mobile phone operators could use.

Unacceptable proximity to residential housing, schools and play areas: Less than 20 metres from residences with children in Swepstone Close. 35 metres from residences in Bark by, 40 metres from residences in Measham Way. Houses in Owston, Marefield, Knossinoton Close, Ratby Close between 50 -100 metres. A bus stop is less than 5 metres away, used daily by children waiting for a bus to school.
The path to Loddon school and the football field are 1 metre away, used daily by children.

Wokingham district Council's policy is a minimum of 60 metres from residential housing, schools and recreational children's play areas, for phone transmitter masts.

Earley Town Council's policy is no mobile phone transmitters in residential areas -period.

The thin end of the wedge; opens the floodgates to more and bigger masts:
How long before they want to make the transmitter even bigger and more powerful? If accepted it opens the floodgates for all the other mobile phone operators to put masts on the edge of Laurel Park football field. All would be out of keeping with surroundings and would detriment quality of life.
Out of keeping with the surroundings, detrimental to visual amenity:
Adjacent housing overlooks the scenic play-areas and of Laurel park. The transmitter will form the tallest and most significant item of the view to Laurel Park. It is out of keeping with surroundings. It affects the quality of life of all Lower Early residents + all using paths on Rushey way and park.

The effect on your house prices and ease of sale: People will take notice of how .close your house is to a transmitter, public concern is growing. It will probably affect your ease of sale and house price. It will come up in the local search.

Public concerns on Health and Safety:
Public opinion does not trust assurances on the health +safety of mobile phone transmitters. The fact is there's no concrete proof that there is no health risk from long term exposure.
The departments of Health leaflet from Wokingham District council quotes the Stewart Group government report, which states "there is some public concern about base-stations on or near
schools. If there is concern for our children at school, our children spend 10 times as long at home than they do at school, 10 times higher exposure to children living close to the transmitter than at school. The transmitter (at first floor level) will be continuously beaming full power directly into children's bedrooms as little as 25 metres away!

Yours Faithfully

John & Maureen Birbeck

CC: Earley Town Council Town Clerk, Radsock Lane, Earley, RG65UL

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Stuart Longland
26, Marefield
Lower Earley
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Tuesday, 04 September 2001

Ref Application Number TL/2001/4651
Erection of 10 Metre Telecommunications Mast and associated equipment cabin.

Dear Mr Miller,

I am writing in response to the application mentioned above. I have recently moved from number 14 to number 26 Marefield, wishing to stay in the Marefield area because of it natural beauty of the surroundings.

I would not have purchased my house with a 10 metre telecommunication mast less than 50 metres away. I find it amazing that the mast must be placed in such a open place where it is so obviously detrimental to the visual amenity. My family enjoys a walk around the park most weekends to enjoy the scenic landscape, and to play on the play area.

To put a cabin and 10 metre mast up within this area will seriously affect our quality of life, and the views.

I have concerns about the health aspects of the masts, but this is in no way the driving point, as there is currently no proof.

I would like to rigorously oppose this planning application, and look forward to an opportunity to discuss this further.

Yours Faithfully

Stuart Longland

C.C. Earley Town Council Town Clerk

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Environmental Services Dept
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Ref TL/20014651

Dear Sirs

BT Cellnet Transmitter Laurel Park

I must object most strongly to the proposal for a transmitter in the centre of a residential area. There are other sites available in less built up areas. I understood that the Council's policy is not to have mobile phone transmitters in residential areas.

The health concerns have not yet been proven conclusively, and children could be at risk. When local searches are done, prospective buyers of houses in the area will be concerned on this account.

These constructions are far from attractive, and are environmentally unacceptable.

Yours faithfully

A. Forkes

(Mrs) A J Forkes

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Environmental Services Department
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Planning Application Reference: TL/2001/4651

4th September, 2001

Dear Mr Miller,

I wish to lodge my objection to the above planning application concerning the erection of a BT Cellnet Transmitter in Laurel Park football/play area for the following reasons:

1. **Quality of Reception:** The BT Cellnet reception is of excellent quality based on our family's experience, as well as visitors to our home and others residents I have spoken to.
2. **Health and Safety Concerns:** Unfortunately there is no concrete proof that there is *no* health risk from long term exposure. The Department of Health leaflet from Wokingham District Council, quotes the Stewart Group report, which states *"there is some public concern about base stations on or near our schools"*. If this is the case, there should more concern for children in their homes, since they spend considerably longer in their homes than at school. Following this point, The proposed site is not only too near residential properties, but also on a children's play area. As a parent this point particularly concerns me. Until the government watch dog states that there is no danger to the health of the community, I feel the council should prohibit all further masts in residential areas.
3. **Property Values:** I am concerned that the transmitter will depreciate the value of mine and other local properties. The mast is out of keeping of the local surrounds and will aesthetically unappealing, not only for potential buyers, but to those already living in the area. Public concern about health and safety may also deter prospective buyers (see point 2).

I appreciate that extra lines maybe required or the mast is for the new technology phones, but if this is the case, why not add to the existing mast covering this area? If this is not possible, I understand that there are plenty of more appropriate non-residential locations that mobile phone operators could use.

I trust you will take these concerns into consideration and reject the proposed planning application.

Yours sincerely

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4th September 2001

Joss Miller
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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application number TL/200014651

With reference to the above, I write to pledge our objections to the BT Cellnet Application for a telecommunication mast to be erected less than 35 metres from the rear of our property.

We have lived here for about 16 years and have enjoyed the views of Laurel Park and we definitely object to the prospect of looking out of our rear windows to see the mast.

Laurel Park is bordered on three sides by residential housing, therefore it should be placed either on the fourth side away from housing, or on any of the land in Lower Earley near the outer peripheral road where it will not visible to any residential houses.

Both children and adults alike enjoy the park. It must surely be a health hazard to us all as there is no concrete evidence that these transmitters do not pose a health hazard after long term exposure.

The proposed siting of this transmitter is detrimental to the housing, which is less than 25 metres away in some cases, where children have bedrooms in direct line to the mast.

We therefore object to this application and would trust that our comments will be considered.

Yours faithfully

John and Tina Sheppard

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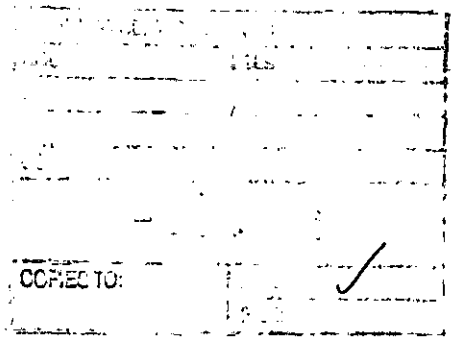

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Wokingham District Council
FAO: JOSS MILLER

APPLICATION NUMBER TL/2001/4651
PROPOSED ERECTION OF 10 METER TELECOMMUNICATION MAST

All of us living at 1 Marefield, Lower Earley severely object to BT Cellnet's proposal for the new phone mast that is to be erected within 100 meters of our house.

We are sure BT Cellnet have plenty of other non-residential sites that can be considered for their future expansion program.

If planning permission were granted it would totally be out of keeping with the site and may effect our health, value of our property and quality of life.

Signed by

Eileen Kalro
Clyde Kalro
Denny Kalro

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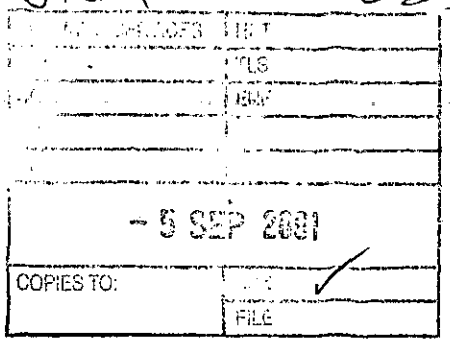

Mr D V & Mrs S A Williams
36 Marefield
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Tel. 0118 9 752318
3 September 2001

Mr J Miller
Wokingham District Council
Environmental Services Department
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Shute End
Wokingham, RG40 1WR

Dear Mr Miller

APPLICATION NUMBER TL/2001/4651

We refer to your letter informing us that BT Cellnet Ltd have applied to erect a 10 metre telecommunications mast and associated equipment cabin on land adjacent to underpass Laurel Park, Rushey Way.

We wish to make it known that we STRONGLY object to this proposal due to the uncertain health hazards associated, as reported in great detail in the press and covered by the media.

The mast will be next door to the park where children play and regular sports activities take place, in fact, three football pitches were marked out last week. There are also two bus lay-bys in very close proximity to the proposed mast where people will be waiting for the bus.

We have been informed by an ex BT engineer that once the initial mast structure is in place it is merely a matter of time before further aerials and equipment are added to the structure and so therefore increase the size dramatically. We object to such unsightly equipment being erected in close vicinity to our home and feel sure that a more appropriate site could be found.

Would you please acknowledge our letter and hopefully inform us that this mast will be erected elsewhere, far away from peoples homes.

Yours sincerely D V Williams

S A Williams

D V & S A WILLIAMS

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95 Marefield
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2nd September 2001

Mr Joss Miller
Environmental Services Department
Planning Services
PO Box 157
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Wokingham
RG40 1WJ

Dear Mr Miller

Planning Application: TL/2001/4651

I refer to the above planning application to erect a BT Cellnet phone transmitter mast on land adjacent to the underpass on Laurel Park.

I write to express my strong objection to the planning application for several reasons, namely:-

1. Unacceptable proximity to residential housing, schools and play areas. Not only do we live near to the proposed mast but also I walk my son along Rushey Way to Loddon Infant School each day and fear for our health (there has been no proof that these masts do not have detrimental health concerns over the long period).

2. The appearance of a mast at this site will be out of keeping with surroundings. The view of Laurel Park will change dramatically and affects all using Rushey Way and paths alongside.

3. Laurel Park is the nicest green open space in Lower Earley. You have only got to see the amount of people that use the park to relax and enjoy the surroundings. Nobody wants this space invaded by a phone mast.

I believe there are other places a mast could be erected that will not affect such a nice beauty spot and local housing and schools. The mast should be erected somewhere like adjacent to the M4 (Rushey Way North) where there are not so many residential properties rather than in the centre of Lower Earley.

Yours faithfully

S. Chaplin.

Mrs Sarah Chaplin

Cc: Town Clerk, Earley Town Council

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DR HITESH PANA
6 BARKBY
LOWER EARLEY
READING RG6 3DY

Ref: TL/2001/4651

04 September 2001

Ms Joss Miller
Environmental services Dept.
Wokingham

Dear Ms Joss Miller

Permission to build a new phonemast in Loverock Park

I received your letter with regards to the above and I would like to draw your attention to the following points

① First of all, I disagree with the fact of the "Health concern" as there is no strong evidence saying that it has not got any detrimental health effect and none of the companies seems to accept any responsibility should anything go wrong healthwise in future.

② At present there are so many other non-residential areas in Reading specially near A33 - Basingstoke road where BT-cellnet can build a new phonemast. I would strongly object them building

it here in Hameal Park, which is a family / Residential area.

③ Most of us who live in this area are families with small children and we use this park for them. If council gives permission then we would not be able to them in park as then it would not be safe for small children.

④ It will be in Unacceptable proximity to the houses in barkby - just about less than 20 meters from my house which I would not like and would strongly object.
We bought this house about 2 years back and we paid you to get information regarding future developmental plans in Hameal park and the council told us that this park will be used solely as park/ childrens area & not for any commercial reasons. We bought this house considering that fact and to my surprise decision has changed in just 2 years time!

⑤ Wolcingham District Council has a policy of minimum 60 meters Space allowances from Residential housing, schooling and play area - then I simply cannot understand why council is giving the acceptance to BT - cellnet planning also

⑥ I have a strong feeling that commercialising

Lamreal park will then drastically drop down house prices in our area and selling house then could be extremely difficult as it will come in local search. this will be an extremely stressful situation and I will blame council for that.

(7) Once you give permission to BT-cellnet other mobile companies then could like to use Lamreal park in the same and also no guarantee that BT-cellnet will not convert it in future to a larger / powerful transmission centre. If accepted it will allow gate for another mobile phone companies, & I will held council responsible for the same.

As you could see from above I strongly disagree regarding BT-cellnet using our Lamreal park to build a transmission centre here. I feel others in this area have the same feelings.

I will await your reply.

Thanking you.

Yours

Mr. HITESH RANA
6 BARLEY
LOWER EARLEY
READING RG6 3DY.

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69 Marefield
Lower Earley
Berkshire
RG6 3DZ
3rd Sep. 2001

Dear Joss Miller,

We are writing to you with regards ~~to planning application~~ TL/20014651 which is a proposal by BT Cellnet to erect a 10 metre transmitter mast adjacent to Laurel Park.

As local residents we would like to formally register our objections to this proposal for the following reasons:

1. The proposed site is in a residential area with housing less than 20 metres away. We understand that Wokingham District Council has a policy that any masts should be at least 60 metres away from residential housing.

2. As with many other members of the public we have health concerns over a proposed transmitter being erected on a site which is so close to housing where local children will be exposed to continuous transmissions, even whilst they are sleeping.

3. Laurel Park is exactly that – a park. It is not a dumping ground for visually unattractive monstrosities which are completely out of keeping with the surroundings. Even if it is economically efficient for BT Cellnet.

4. There are many non-residential sites in the area which would be far more suitable. On land next to the M4 motorway, for example. Even if this does end up costing BT Cellnet more to install and erect.

5. As far as we are aware BT Cellnet already has excellent signal strength in the neighbourhood. Why do they need this transmitter?

Our opinion is that there are plenty of other more desirable places where BT Cellnet could place a transmitter. We believe they are proposing this site purely because it is less costly for them and they have absolutely no regards for the welfare of the local community in Lower Earley.

Yours,

Garry Ryan

Elaine Ryan

59 Mareﬁeld
Lower Earley
Berkshire
RG6 3DZ
3rd Sep. 2001

Dear Joss Miller,

We are writing to you with regards to planning application TW/2001455I which is a proposal by BT Cellnet to erect a 10 metre transmitter mast adjacent to Laurel Park.

As local residents we would like to formally register our objections to this proposal for the following reasons:

1. The proposed site is in a residential area with housing less than 20 metres away. We understand that Wokingham District Council has a policy that any masts should be at least 60 metres away from residential housing.

2. As with many other members of the public we have health concerns over a proposed transmitter being erected on a site which is so close to housing where local children will be exposed to continuous transmissions, even whilst they are sleeping.

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Yours,

Gerry Ryan

Elaine Ryan

Joss Miller

From: David Swindells
Sent: 30 August 2001 14:04
To: Joss Miller
Cc: Diana Carpenter; Caroline Smith (E-mail)
Subject: Masts at Laurel Park

Would you lease note that I wish to object to the telecommunication mast being constructed a the above site for the following reasons:-

- The site and construction would be intrusive to neighbouring property especially in my Ward in respect of Swepstone Close.
- The Council policy is to refuse such application where there are children and many people using the area. This location serves leisure facilities and children attending the local primary schools of Loddon Infant and Junior, Hawkedon School and Radstock school.
- There is a play area in the vicinity on Laurel Park and children would pass the area underneath the mast to go to this play area.
- The height of the mast is higher at this point than the normal street furniture and the diagram shows that it is higher than the street lamp.
- There is a bus stop at this point and residents would be affected by the construction of this mast as they would be very close to its influence.

For the above reasons I would like the application to be turned down or referred to the Development Control Committee
David Swindells
Councillor for Little Hungerford ward Earley

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1st September 2001

Joss Miller
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Wokingham

Ref TL/2001/4651.

Dear Mr Miller

Re Planning Application

We are very concerned to learn of the proposed application for the BT Cellnet Transmitter mast to be erected at the edge of Laurel Park football field / play area.

No only as members of this community; but as parents of a young child we feel that we must appeal very strongly to you when making your decision to permit this transmitter.

B T Cellnet have sufficient non-residential locations where a transmitter mast would not effect the local community or the welfare of its children, not to mention the possibility of the dangers of having this transmitter in a location where inquisitive children are within the near proximity.

The proximity of the transmitter to residential housing, schools and play areas is totally unacceptable - less than 20 metres from residences with children in Sweptstone Close, and only 35 metres from residences in Barky. And approximately, 40 metres from residences in Measham Way. The distance from my own family's location in Marefield and adjacent residences in Owston, Knossington Close, Rathy Close is between 50 – 100 metres. The bus stop is only 5 metre away and used daily by children waiting for their bus to school. The path to Loddon School and the football field are just 1 metre way, these are used daily by children. Surely Wokingham'd District Council's policy of a minimum of 60 metres from residential housing, schools and recreational children's play area, for telephone transmitter masts.

Early's Town Council's policy is NO MOBILE TELEPHONE TRANSMITTERS in residential areas – PERIOD. Is this policy going to be reneged upon?

This proposal is just the start – once this mast is erected then how long before bigger and more powerful transmitters will be erected - it would give cart blanch to mobile companies to the detriment of the quality of life and it would be totally out of keeping with the rural surroundings.

It would not only be of danger to our children's health – even those residents that do not live within the unacceptable distance of 20 meters or even what is considered by the Wokingham council as acceptable of a minimum of 60 metres - the BT telephone transmitter will form the tallest and most significant item of view to Laurel Park, and it is totally out of keeping with surroundings. It effects the quality of life of all Lower Early residents and all using the paths on Rushey Way and Park.

In addition to the effects on our health – what effect are these transmitters going to have on our house prices and the ease in which we would be able to sell our property's – at what cost?

In general, public opinion does not trust assurances regarding health and safety of mobile phone transmitters. There is no concrete evidence that there is no risk to health from long term exposure. The department's of health leaflet from Wokingham District Council quotes the Stewart Group government report, which states ' There are some public concerns about base stations on or near schools'. If there is concern for our children at school, our children spend 10 times as long at home, 10 times the higher exposure to children living close to the transmitter than at school. The transmitter (at the first floor level) will be continuously beaming full power directly into children's bedrooms as little as 25 metres away.

I hope you will consider all of our letters sympathetically – we are all working for our community together. The health and well being of Reading's future residents is surely worth striving for and it is up to the council to set the standards and keep Reading a place where we all want to live.

Yours faithfully

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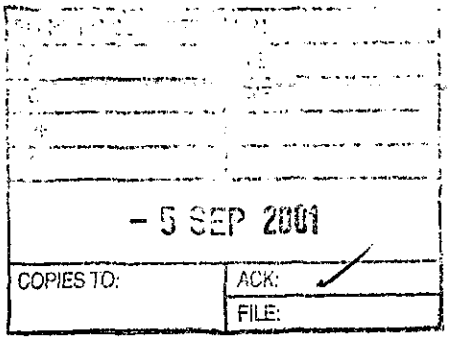

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[Planning Application TL/20014651 - 10metre BT cellnet transmitter mast]

Dear Sir/madam,

Having recently had the opportunity to visit Woodley Library to see for my self the above planned development in Laurel Park, I would ask that serious consideration be given to local residents views on the matter.

I personally am within approx 50 metres of the site proposed and aside from the fact it's presence will have a detrimental effect on the value of my own property, there is the serious concern of unknown and unquantifiable effects to health of those exposed to it's transmissions in the long term.
This technology has not been in use long enough and nor have we had such a density of masts appearing so alarming close to concentrations of adults and especially children, for expert opinion to be so sure of it's self that it can unequivocally say there are **no health risks** what so ever.

Research has been done in both Europe and the US that suggest possible connections between bouts of severe headaches and increased instances of certain types of tumour in those living close to these type of masts due to the type and frequency of the radio waves emitted.

In the light of the above concerns I have raised, I would ask you to accept this letter as my appeal against the proposal and that a more suitable site be found away from any residential area, it seems to me little thought has been given when a mast of this nature is being sited in a playing field that is regularly used by children and adults for recreation and so close to an infants school.
I trust that you will have the interests of your local electorate in mind when formulating a decision on this important matter, as it has been my experience that scant regard is given to what local people think and would like to see provided by the Wokingham Council.

I would like to add that if your decision is to cave-in and allow this planning to go-ahead and in turn should the operation and siting of the mast adversely affect either my wife's or my health or in turn devalue my property I will assume you will know who I will be approaching for compensation!.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this in the not too distant future.....

Your Faithfully,

Geoff Smith.

P.S. For what it's worth, surely it's better to err on the side of caution where lack of data is involved rather than causing heartache and potential loss later, as opposed to short term financial gain that either you or the company involved will obviously gain!, and at the end of the day do we really need this mast?.

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Dear Sir,

Application No: TL/2001/4651

Thank you for your letter advising of the proposed telecommunication mast.

My family and I are **totally opposed** to this for the following reasons:

1. Until it is proven that these masts are not harmful, they should not be sited close to family homes and leisure areas. The proposed site is particularly close to a residential area and park.

2. The mast would be an unnecessary eye-sore in one of the few green spaces available to Earley residents.

Yours faithfully

David Howland

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Dear Sir

Application Number:	**TL/2001/4651**
Site Address:	**Land adjacent to underpass, Laurel Park, Rushey Way, Lower Earley**
Proposal:	**Proposed erection of one 10 metre telecoms mast and associated equipment cabin**

I write in objection to the proposed erection of a telecommunication mast and ancillary building on land adjacent to the underpass, Laurel Park, Rushey Way, Lower Earley. The siting and design of the proposed mast will detract from, and adversely affect the amenity of the locality. I urge the local authority to invoke your powers under Article 4 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995. I am sure the committee will agree that it would be expedient in order to protect the amenity of the locality, and for the good planning of the area, that an Article 4 order should be made.

As you will be aware, there are a large number of conflicting academic reports on the dangers of irradiation emitted from base stations. With this in mind I urge you to follow the recommendation of the Stewart Report, and adopt a **precautionary approach** *(see para 1.21 and 6.16 of that report)* in deciding applications for telecommunication base stations. This approach as you will be aware is enshrined within national planning policy structure of the UK, as well as European legislation. (*Please refer to the Government White Paper "This Common Inheritance", PPG23 "Planning and Pollution Control" and "Sustainable Development - the UK Strategy", as well as being enshrined in the Treaty of European Union (Maastricht, 1992; in force from 1.11.93) - Title XVI: Environment, Article 130r)*:

Article 130r
"1) Community policy on the environment shall contribute to pursuit of the following objectives:

- *preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment;*
- ***protecting human health;***
- *prudent and rational utilisation of natural resources;*
- ***Promoting measures at international level to deal with regional or worldwide environmental problems.***

2) Community policy on the environment shall aim at a high level of protection taking into account the diversity of situations in the various regions of the Community. ***It shall be based on the precautionary principles that preventative action should be taken, that environmental damage should be rectified at source and that the polluter should pay...*** *(p39)"*

The Stewart Report states at para 1.19:
We conclude therefore that it is not possible at present to say that exposure to RF radiation, even at levels below national guidelines, is totally without potential adverse health effects, and that the gaps in knowledge are sufficient to justify a precautionary approach'.

The Stewart Report recommends that exclusion zones are placed around all base stations, and indeed some countries already have exclusion zones. This recommendation clearly indicates that there is a potential for concern in placing masts close to sensitive locations such as schools, hospitals and residential areas.

Exclusion Zones (1.44)
We recommend the establishment of clearly defined physical exclusion zones around base station antennas, which delineate areas within which exposure guidelines may be exceeded (paragraph 6.49 – 6.52). The incorporation of exclusion zones should be part of the template of planning protocols that we advocate.

Physical Barriers (1.45)
Each exclusion zone should be defined by a physical barrier and a readily identifiable nationally agreed sign with a logo. This should inform the public and workers that inside the exclusion zone there might be RF emissions which exceed national guidelines.

The government recommends that local authorities do not take health effects into consideration, however many local authorities are rejecting these recommendations including Kent County Council, which refuses to endorse consents on any council land, due to their concerns over health. I would also draw your attention to the case pending before the High Court for leave to apply for judicial review of a base station on the question of the LPA failing to take into account the health aspects of masts *(R v Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council ex parte Smith).* Should this application be decided in favour of the Claimant then question marks will be put over all masts where the health issues were not taken into account.

However, even if a rejection of the arguments relating to the precautionary approach is taken by the planning committee, we would urge you to consider the effect the size and design of this mast will have on the amenity of the local area, towering as it will some 10 metres into the air, which will contrast with the residential nature and open aspect of the locality. PPG8 makes it clear that a rejection of permitted development permission is acceptable for base stations should the LPA conclude that it would have an adverse effect on the amenity of the area. I also take this opportunity to draw your attention to the factors listed in ***DETR Circular 04/99 Appendix A para 12*** that may involve siting:

- *the height of the site in relation to surrounding land;*

- *the existence of topographical features and natural vegetation;*
- *the effect on the skyline or horizon;*
- *the site when observed from any side, including from outside the authority's own area;*
- *the site in relation to areas designated locally for their scenic or conservation value;*
- *the site in relation to existing masts, structures or buildings, including buildings of a historical or traditional character;* ***and the site in relation to residential property.***

There is as you will be aware an obligation contained within PPG8 (para 33) and DETR Circular 04/99 (para 21) for operators to hold talks with local authorities, and recommendations that these discussions should also include other organisations such as local residents groups. Could you therefore supply me with information relating to these meetings, in particular the out come of the obligatory talks that the local authority held with the Operator, along with details of any residents groups who took part, or were invited to take part in these discussions.

Additional information on some of my specific objections is detailed below:

1. **Objection** – That, in accordance with **Draft PPG 8 Para. 42,** quality in this urban area **could not** be maintained by allowing this development to take place. I note that the new Draft PPG 8 states that usual mast heights are typically 20m high to allow radiated signals to clear trees and urban clutter (houses?) and that Telecommunications development may need particular locations in order to work effectively. However, it also states that these prominent locations may be exactly the locations that would pose challenges to policies for the protection of high quality landscapes and **quality in urban areas.** This suggests, therefore, that masts below 20m in height cannot achieve satisfactory performance due to the proximity of this urban clutter – a 15m high mast would therefore appear wholly useless, unless a high powered emitter was installed to regain this shortfall. **Is it then the case that local residents should be 'slow cooked' as they sleep in their beds, as this is what microwaves do, after all?** I, for one, consider Lower Earley to be a quality urban area of local amenity.

2. **Objection** – That no consideration (or more importantly, evidence) appears apparent that the operators ever considered mast sharing or sharing an existing site in the area as an alternative to developing this amenity as a new mast site. The Government has attached considerable importance to mast sharing in keeping the numbers of sites and installations to a minimum **(Cir 04/99 Paras 6-14 and Draft PPG 8, Para. 46).** Conditions in code operators' licences require applicants to explore the possibility of site or mast sharing in the first instance – this evidence should accompany any application made to the local planning authority whether a prior application under Part 24 of the GPDO or an application for planning permission under the T&CPA 1990 **(Cir 04/99 Para 8 and Draft PPG 8, Para. 46).** Other telecommunication operators e.g. One to One, Orange, Vodafone, **cannot** refuse this request unless there is a demonstrable reason why not, as the Director General of OFTEL has powers to force shared use for this very reason. If not mast sharing, operators are at least encouraged to site new masts alongside existing ones on sites already deemed suitable for this purpose. **It is not apparent from any correspondence or information available for viewing at the Council Offices that mast sharing was ever considered.**

3. **Objection** – that the proposed mast will be an eyesore and that the proposal would have a detrimental effect on the locality generally, and on amenities that ought, in the public interest, to be protected. No consideration, or insufficient consideration has been given to **Article 4 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order**

1995 as to the adverse effect the proposal will have on the amenity of the area, or indeed this particular site.

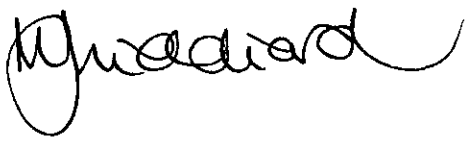
4. **Objection** – That the Council has a biased commercial interest in the development due to the potential rental income generated by this privately owned structure being situated on highway (i.e. Council) land.

5. **Objection** – That the development will cause widespread physical interference and disruption to existing television and other telecommunication services due to the physical obstruction or reflection of the wanted signals. Local Authorities need to have taken into account that the potential for interference has been fully considered in the siting and design of this development, as it would be impossible to correct this situation after the site becomes operational. This also can be material planning consideration according to **Draft PPG 8, Para. 83.**

6. **Objection** – The mast has the potential to destroy, or at the very least adversely affect local wildlife.

Whilst reserving the right to make further representation on this application, I urge you to refuse permission for the above reasons.

Yours faithfully



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31st August 2001

Dear Mr Miller

OBJECTION to Planning Application TL/2001/4651

I feel very strongly that the above application to erect a BT Cellnet Transmitter on land adjacent to Laurel Park. I list below my objections:

1. The proximity of the proposed mast to residential housing, schools and play areas is unacceptable. Lower Earley is a densely populated area with many families and young children we cannot be sure of the long term affect on health exposure to the mast would bring. The football field in Laurel Park, which is used regularly by children, is less than a metre away, the footpath is used by children on their way to school and there is a bus stop that is also close by. It would contravene Wokingham District Councils own Policy of a minimum distance of 60 metres from residential housing, schools and play areas.

2. A 10 metre mast would be a complete eyesore as the area surrounding it is very scenic and the transmitter would be by far the tallest and most significant item of view to Laurel Park.

3. The BT Cellnet signal strength in this area is already excellent so no new mast is needed.

4. There are plenty of other non-residential sites that mobile phone operators could use.

5. How do we know that a 10 metre mast will not grow in years to come to a 20 or 30 metre mast – saying **NO NOW** means that the area remains unscarred.

6. Finally what affect would the mast have on the value of our house prices and the ease of sale.

I strongly urge you to reject this application for the sake of the local resident's.

Yours sincerely

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REF. PLANNING APPLICATION
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BT CELLNET TRANSMITTER MAST

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Dear Joss Miller.

My family and I living at the above address object most strongly to the above Planning Application on the following grounds.

The Mast would be too close to residents homes and is not within the requirements of Wokingham Districts Council minimum 60 metres, or Lower Earley's Town council ~~pt~~ policy of no mobile phone masts in residential areas.

There are plenty of other non-residential areas mobile phone operators could use.

The land proposed to use is open space left within Lower Earley for the enjoyment of the public, who also pay for its up keep through Council Tax. We have an underpass to help protect the public from traffic, we do not need a mast to bring another risk to peoples health.

The Mast would be out of keeping with the surrounding area and would have an effect on the sale and price of our homes.

Health and Safety, Nothing has been proved one way or another on health risks to people, and until this is settled, Mobile phone masts should be kept out of residential areas
We do not want it!!!! Yours faithfully

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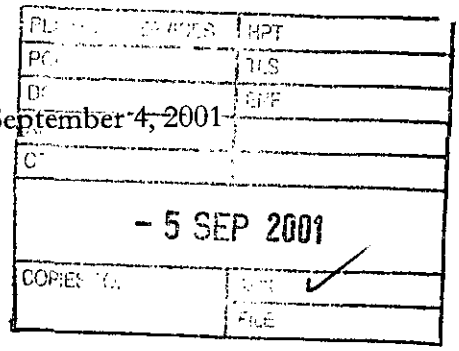

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Dear Joss Miller,

Planning Application TL/20014651
10 metre BT Cellnet Phone Transmitter Mast

Thank you for writing to advise of the above request for planning permission. I would like to register my objection.

I do not have objections in principal to erecting Phone Masts, but I certainly do have the strongest objection to them being placed so close to houses and routes to school. I understood that Wokingham District Council shared this concern, and had established strict rules about mast placement (minimum 60 metres?). Surely this can not include placing a mast so close to: 20 metres from residences in Swepstone Close, 5 metres away from a Bus Stop and a common route to Loddon School?

Precautionary Approach

I understand that the Local Government Association has advised its member local authorities to adopt the Precautionary Approach, on the basis that the decision making process of the Governments Advisory Body, the NRPB, based on waiting for 'conclusive scientific evidence' before acting, is potentially flawed.

Wyre Borough Council, Lancashire: decided that the proposed site for a mast and base station was unsuitable, given its proximity to a nearby primary school and houses which were 190 metres and 40 metres away respectively. This refusal was based on public fears about possible health risks posed by microwave radiation. This follows the 1998 Court of Appeal decision finding that 'genuine public fear and concern is a material planning consideration, even if that fear is irrational and not based on evidence (Newport BC v secretary of State for Wales (1998) JPL 377.

Health risks

There is a robust and ongoing controversy over many aspects of RF health effects. While no-one disagrees that serious health hazards occur when living cells in a body are heated, as happens with high intensity RF exposure (just like a microwave oven), scientists are currently still investigating the health hazards of low intensity exposure. Low intensity exposure is exposure, which does not raise the temperature of the living cells in the body.

The telecommunications industry claims cellular antennas are safe because the radiation they produce is too weak to cause heating, a 'thermal effect'. They point to 'safety standards' from groups such as ANSI/IEEE or ICNIRP to support their claims. But these groups have explicitly stated that their claims of 'safe levels of exposure' are based on thermal levels. Thus the claim that RF exposure is harmless rests on the fact that it is too weak to produce a rise in temperature, a 'thermal effect'.

There is a large body of internationally accepted scientific evidence which points to the existence of non-thermal effects of microwave radiation. The issue is not whether such evidence exists, but rather what weight to give it.

Risk from mobile masts was hidden: Observer May 14 2000, Sarah Ryle
'The Science of the Total Environment, Latvian Academy of Sciences examined the impact of a military radio transmitter on local schoolchildren, comparing them with a control group. The research, which studied nearly 1,000 children aged 9 to 18, found that 'memory and attention were significantly impaired in all children living in front of the Skundra station'

Insurance

Recently, Earley town council removed six or more trees from the car park in front of Maiden Place Community Centre. This action was taken in response to **one** individual tripping over a root, and Earley Town Council's insurers (Zurich) refusing to renew insurance unless the risk was removed.

Do I take it that Wokingham District Council and your insurers are accepting 'without limit or timescale' the potential that siting telephone masts and base stations so close to properties may cause future harm to rate payers and their children?

Insures bulk at risk of phones: Observer, April 11 1999, Sarah Ryle
"Concern about the safety of mobile phones has prompted a leading Lloyd's underwriter to refuse to insure phone manufacturers against the risk of damage to users' health... fears that mobile phones will be linked to illness such as cancer and Alzheimer's disease have prompted John Fenn of underwriting group Stirling, to refuse to cover manufacturers against the risk of being sued if mobiles turn out to cause long-term damage."

...."But Fenn said: 'there are people in the insurance market who close their eyes to the issue because they say there is no scientific proof of a problem. If you go back to Asbestos, it 'wasn't a problem' at one time either'. Asbestos claims helped bring the Lloyd's market to its knees in the early 1990's."

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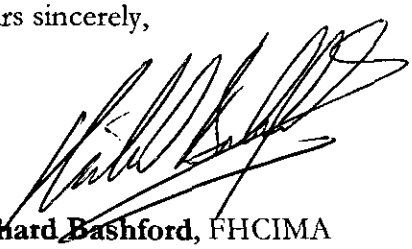
I sincerely hope that you will reject Planning ApplicationTL/200114651, and the further five other applications for telephone masts and base stations in the Lower Earley area.

Any examination of the Internet will reveal that mobile phones and transmitter masts are very controversial subjects. For the one report that sought to reassure that there was no scientific evidence of danger, there were vastly more that raised questions, led to research papers from equally eminent experts that collectively said: be cautious.

I would ask Wokingham district Council to exercise a Precautionary Approach, and exercise Common Sense, before opening the floodgates to who knows how many additional towers (to cope with new technology) and THEN finding out there was a real danger to the people you represent.

Yours sincerely,



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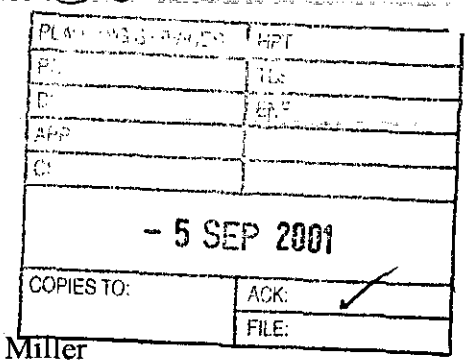

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Reference Planning Application TL/20014651

Dear Mr Miller,

I cannot stress strongly enough how much I object to the erection of a 10 metre transmitter mast within a 100m of my home. It seems crazy to erect such a mast in a densely populated area ! Has there been any investigation into the effects this mast might have on the health and safety of people that live within close proximity, by that I do not mean local averages !

My wife is three months pregnant and shortly we will (God willing) have a young family, I cannot express how strongly I object to this mast being less than a 100m from my family !

My main concern is health and safety, I am extremely worried about this !

However health and safety is not my only concern, I purchased this property in May of this year and have a large mortgage, erecting this mast will certainly affect the value of my property and will also affect my ability to sell it. What compensation arrangements will be made if you decide to allow this extremely unwanted mast to be erected.

Clearly tactics were used in the notification to the residents about this planning application, to write a letter at the end of August informing the residents of this planning application and then insisting responses must be received by the 8th September is despicable. **I would like to know who organised this !** Was an incentive provided by BT Cellnet to use such choreography, Many people who are very directly affected were and still are on holiday during this period, therefore they have been restricted or completely excluded from expressing their opinions. That in itself is outrageous !

I will be writing to my MP to express my anger as well as visiting my solicitor to identify any methods by which I can stop this planning application from coming to

fruition, I will also question if I can bring a legal case should this planning application be accepted.

In such a densely populated area with schools and many children, what an earth would make the erection of this mast a sensible idea ! I borrowed a BT Cellnet mobile telephone and drove completely around the area in which the mast would be erected, the signal received on the phone was excellent, no interruption, clearly then the mast is not for the benefit of the people who will be affected by its erection.

Why can't this mast be erected in a non residential area !

Please, Please fight on my families behalf to stop this mast from being erected !!!

Yours sincerely

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Wokingham District Council

Planning Application TL/20014651:
10 metre BT Cellnet Transmitter Mast near Laurel Park

~~To Whom It May Concern,~~

We are writing to you to voice our opposition to the above-mentioned Planning Application. We live at number 32 Swepstone Close, less than 20 metres from the proposed location of the mast and have severe concerns about the application.

Firstly, not one scientific study has proven that there are no effects from long-term exposure to mobile-phone transmitters. Having a transmitter located in such close proximity, less than the industry guidelines recommend, poses risks to the health of our family. The proposed location of the mast also exposes commuters, children waiting for school buses, and residents that use Laurel Park for recreational purposes to an unknown risk.

Secondly, there is no real reason for a mobile phone mast. BT Cellnet, and other service providers such as Vodafone, already provide exceptional service to their mobile phone customers. From working in the Telecomms industry for over 18 years, the true reason is to find one location to expand with more transmitters, larger masts to support the next generation of mobile phones. This is totally unwarranted as this is a residential area where every home has more communications capability than they need. If this application is approved, the reality is more and even larger masts and associated "green boxes" will be erected. At that time, any opposition will be too little, too late.

Thirdly, the proposed application will position the mast is a position where it will be the tallest and most significant structure within site of the park. We have already had to suffer the hideous police station in the heart of our community and this mast will lead to further deterioration of our surroundings and is detrimental to the quality of life of local residents. Typically, the construction of masts in residential homes have an adverse effect on the price of houses in close proximity, due to the unknown health & safety issues and the obnoxious sight of masts/transmitters outside of your house. As these items will appear on a local search this will have a negative effect on the ease of selling our house and the price.

We oppose the planning application and fully support local residents in their fight against such an inconsiderate imposition of corporate arrogance.

Mr. O. & Mrs. S.J. Smith

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Dear Mr Miller

I wish to object to the plannong application TL/20014651 for a BT Cellnet transmitter in Laurel Park football field. Many children use this area for playing , walking to school, walking to the lake and live very close to the underpass. We do not know all the dangers associated with transmitters and until we do I do not think it wise to allow the transmitter so close to residential areas.

Yours sincerely,

B E Cole

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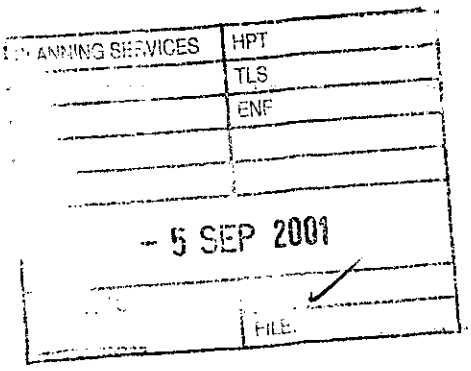

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FAO:- Joss Miller

Reference :- TL/20014651

Dear Sir,

I would like to write to object to the above planning application for a telephone mast on the following reasons.

- The impact on the landscape of Lower Earley, the position of the mast would be better next to the motorway away from all residential areas.
- This application is against Early town council's planning policy, if this is given the go ahead, what is the point of having a local planning office, this is totally unacceptable.
- Wokingham district council policy is a minimum of 60m meters away from residential areas. This would be breached and would make a mockery of the local planning regulations, and the ability of the council to defend taxpayer's rights.
- The signal within the local area is excellent already.

Regards

Mr S Brady & Miss C Iles

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Objection to the proposed erection of a 10 metre Telecom mast – TL/2001/4651

Joss Miller,

Having received notice of the intent to erect a ten-metre high telecom mast, we were amazed and disgusted to see that the proposed site is in the heart of a highly populated residential area.

With all of the recent concerns over emissions and the U-turn on the trend of placing these masts on school premises, we cannot see the logic in allowing one of these to be constructed within a few metres of residential properties.

We could also go on about house prices dropping due to the effect on 'ease-of-sale', next to one of these masts, or the fact that it will prove to be an eye sore. Both of these are valid arguments from our point of view, but as parents of two young children, our main concern is for health and safety.

I guess that as local residents, you would expect us to complain to any new development work in our area. But we're not talking about new houses spoiling the view across a green field; we're talking about the erection of a ten-metre transmitter mast with suspect emissions and possible health concerns.

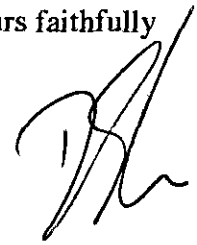
While there are still doubts over the safety of these masts, surely it would make more sense to place them well out of the way of permanent residential properties. We believe Wokingham District Council have a policy of a minimum sixty metres between these types of masts and residential properties, while Early Town Council's policy says 'no mobile phone transmitters in residential areas. On these grounds alone the application should be turned down, as there must be hundreds of alternative, non-residential, sites that would suite this type of development better.

If this development is allowed, and it is proved in years to come that this type of transmitter does or can have an adverse effect on health, we believe, the operators (BT Cellnet) and the council who approved it's construction under public protest, would both face legal action in the same way as cigarette manufacturers are today.

Continued...

Remember that mobile phone users have a choice whether or not they use it, whereas, occupants of houses close to the transmitter would not have that same privilege of choice. They would be exposed to the emissions 24 hours a day, every day, for as long as they lived there. Even a non-resident could see that this is unacceptable, after all, this isn't a human experiment ...is it?

Yours faithfully



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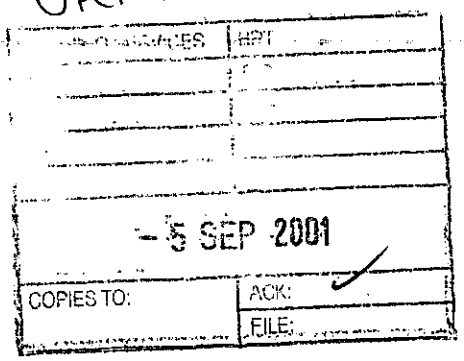

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The Planning Officer
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Re: Planning Application No. TL/2001/4651

To The Planning Officer,

I am writing to state that I have strong objections to the proposed erection of a 10 m Telecom mast and associated equipment cabin - Rushey Way (Land adjacent to underpass in Laurel Park) by BT Cellnet.

The Telecom mast is completely unnecessary. I have a BT Cellnet phone and have never had any problems with signal strength.

I also think it would be wrong to put up such a mast in a highly populated residential area. Not only are there potential health risks involved but the masts are unsightly and totally out of character with the local environment. All of these factors would have a detrimental effect and would also devalue property in the surrounding area.

There must be plenty of non-residential sites where these sort of masts can be situated.

Once again, I would like to say that I am strongly opposed to this planning application.

Yours sincerely

Susan Munns

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Dear Mr Miller

Application No. TL/2001/4651

We would like to express out strong objection to the proposed phone transmitter mast which BT Cellent wish to locate by the underpass at Laurel Park. We do not understand BT's need for this new transmitter mast, as we know the BT Cellnet signal strength in this area is already excellent. We also feel that if permission is given, it could pave the way for other operators to also seek out this area for their masts and when one mast has already been erected it may become extremely difficult to refuse the next proposal. We could end up having to overlook rows of ugly phones masts instead of our present scenic view over the park. Not a particularity pleasant thought nor a plus point for those of us in this area intending to sell our houses at some time in the near future. Also this mast would be shown in the local search and may put people off relocating to this area (particularity if they have young children).

Laurel Park and the adjacent football field and footpath to Lodon school are used by all sectors of the local community including school children, local football teams, dog walkers and people using the bus stop which is located less than five metres away. We feel that if this proposal is granted many of these people, ourselves included, will no longer wish to use these areas as although our house is very close to the proposed mast we would not like to spend more time than necessary in closer proximity to it. We normally use the underpass to walk around the lake, as it is a beautiful and peaceful area and acts as a wonderful remedy to the stresses of every day life. Many people have put in a great deal of work at the lake to make it the place it is and to attract local and visiting people to admire its outstanding beauty. This will be lost to us and many other residents, as we will not wish to walk past this unsightly, unnecessary and potentially unhealthy blot on the landscape.

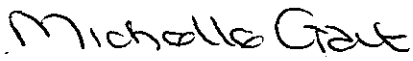
BT Cellnet may well try to assure us that all health and safety issues have been considered regarding these masts and the risk to the public is either minimal or non-existent, however as far as we are aware there is no concrete proof that long term exposure to these masts is ***NOT***

a health risk to people living close by or regularly in the area. There are plenty of non-residential locations that BT Cellnet could use, therefore we find it incredible that this proposal is even being considered. Although we do not have children we can well understand the concerns of other residents in the area that do have children and the dangers which these masts pose to them.

Finally we understand that Wokingham District Council's policy, regarding these transmitter masts, is that they have to be a minimum of sixty metres from residential property and children's play areas. We hope in this case common sense, your own policy and residents fears, health and quality of life will be weighed up against the need for the council to generate additional income.

Yours sincerely





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Mr Joss Miller
Development Control Officer
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Mr SD Norris
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2 September 2001

Dear Mr Miller,

REF TL/2001/4651

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed sighting of the telecommunications mast and equipment cabin.

I find it incredible that such an unsightly and potentially dangerous health hazard can be even considered to be sighted in a public park.

The jury is still out on the effect on health of these masts and whilst it is I think that it would be foolhardy to sight it in such a densely populated area and in a park used by many families. The other point is that in one of the few areas of green land in Lower Early I think that it is wholly unacceptable to sight it anywhere in the park. It is totally out of keeping with the surroundings.

I wonder what other options have been seriously considered by BT in the sighting of this mast. Is this really the best option ? Surely there are plenty of other locations around the area (near the motorway for example) that are likely to be less contentious and not in a public place in the middle of a housing estate.

I know that neighbours feel as I do and intend to make as much of a protest as possible about this.

Yours Sincerely,

Cc Earley Town Council

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31 August 2001

Dear Ms Miller

Re: Application number TL/2001/4651

Further to your letter of 22 August 2001 outlining the proposed erection of one 10m high telecommunications mast and associated equipment cabin by BT Cellnet on land adjacent to Laurel Park, I wish to register my objections to the works on the following grounds:

- The proposed mast, transmitter and associated equipment cabin will be closer to residential housing and a children's play area than the Wokingham District Council policy for this type of development allows.
- The inevitable servicing and maintenance of the transmitter equipment will cause the rear gardens of residences in Barkby to be over-looked, resulting in a loss of privacy.
- This proposal would not be approved under Earley Town Council policy which refuses planning approval for mobile phone transmitters in residential areas.
- The proposed mast, transmitter and associated equipment cabin would be out of keeping with the surroundings.
- The BT Cellnet signal strength in the area surrounding the proposed installation is already high so we surely do not need another transmitter in this area.

Bearing in mind the reasons outlined above, and the numerous viable alternative sites away from residential areas, I feel this application and others like it should be refused until BT Cellnet and all other operators recognise the reasonable public concerns and objections to these installations and make better use of industrial and greenfield sites away from the centre of highly populated areas.

Yours sincerely

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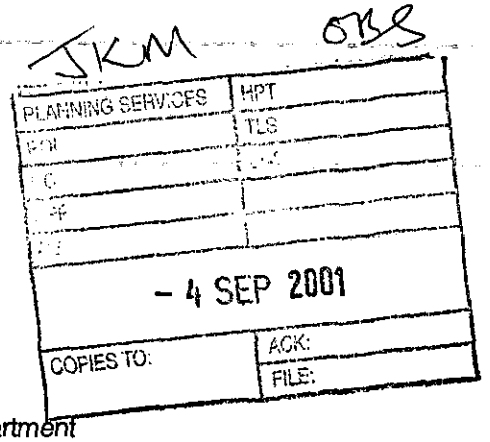

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Joss Miller
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Monday 3rd September

Dear Mr. Joss Miller,

Re: Planning application No. TL/2001/4651 – Proposed erection of 10m Telecom mast and associated equipment cabin – Rushey Way (land adjacent to underpass in Laurel Park) – BT Cellnet.

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed erection of the 10m Telecom mast and equipment cabin in Rushey Way for a number of reasons.

1. Health and Safety – the mobile phone transmitter although not proven to be of risk to health and safety will be placed very close to a large residential area. BT Cellnet should not take the risk (however small) of damaging public health when a less risky solution can be achieved in a non-residential area.

2. *Detrimental to the Visual Landscape - Laurel Park leads down to the nature reserve and a* children's playground. The mobile phone transmitter will obscure the view of the park and spoil an otherwise beautiful nature reserve area.

3. BT Cellnet has other non-residential locations – BT Cellnet's signal in that area is already good. As a customer of BT Cellnet I experience no signal problem in this area and feel the addition of the transmitter is unnecessary particularly when they have other locations in which they could place the transmitter.

Based upon these objections combined with the fact that a non-residential alterative is offered I see no reason to present a risk to public health and spoil one of few beautiful nature reserves in the area.

I urge you to reject this planning application and keep this large residential area free from public health risks and ensure our living environment is not marked by erecting something which spoils our visual landscape. We would consider it irresponsible of the council to permit a transmitter to be located in such close proximity to residential dwellings when it is clearly not needed to improve service.

Yours Sincerely,

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Susan Danks

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Monday 3rd September

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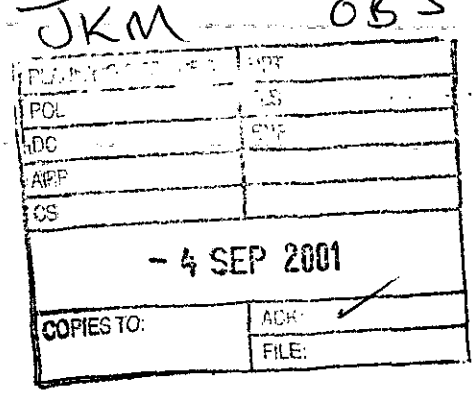

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Ref P/3/MB/AB/AF3 Planning Application No. TL/2001/4651

03/09/01

Dear Mr Miller,

With reference to the application to site a 10m Telecom mast and associated cabin on Rushey Way by BT Cellnet.

I am most concerned, and wish to state that I am totally against siting this type of equipment so close to a residential area. I am extremely disappointed, but not surprised, that Early Town Council are even progressing this Planning Application.

The new mast is not needed. I have a BT Cellphone and get very good reception in and around the area.

If BT say the mast is needed, then site it in a non-residential area.

The proposed site is in an unacceptable proximity to residential housing, schools and play area. It is less than 20 metres from residences with children in Swepstone Close, 35 metres from residences in Barkby and 40 metres from residences in Measham Way. Houses in Owston, Marefield, Knossington Close and Ratby Close are within 50 to 100metres. A bus stop is less than 5 metres away, used daily by children waiting for a bus to school. The path to Loddon school and the football field are 1 metre away, used daily by children.

I believe Wokingham District Councils' policy is a minimum of 60 metres from residential housing, schools and recreational children's play areas for phone transmitter masts. Earley Town Council's policy is no mobile phone transmitters in residential areas – period.

Will BT be satisfied with a mast at this level? Will they then apply to upgrade it and make it more powerful, or larger?. I also have concerns that if you allow the BT mast to be sited and built here, then other phone companies will also apply and have masts sited here.

The thing will be totally out of keeping with the environment we live in. One only has to look at the Police Station to see how an area can be aesthetically spoilt, permanently. A mast would be out of keeping with the area in which they are looking to site it. Laurel Park is an area of scenic play, related to leisure and relaxation. This mast would be a blot on the landscape.

What effect will the mast have on the value of my house?. How willing would potential purchasers be to buy my house when I come to sell it? This transmitter will come up in local searches. (Unlike the proposed change of access to the football playing field changing rooms via Marefield, when I purchased my house some 18 years ago. That was kept very quiet.)

Public opinion does not trust assurances on the health and safety of mobile phone transmitters. The fact is there is no concrete proof that these things are safe from long term exposure. Even the Wokingham District

Council Health Leaflet quotes the Stewart Group government report, which states, ' there is some public concern about base stations on or near schools '. If there is concern for children at school, then the children who live near the station will be 10 times at risk. They live within several metres of the station, which will be continuously beaming at full power into their bedrooms.

I feel that the points raised are powerful and extremely persuasive. Please do not allow this mast, or any other mast to be sited at Rushey Way, or any other residential area for that matter. There are plenty of non-residential, business sites that could be used that would not inconvenience any body. The council should explore these potential sites and a list made so that when such applications are made, an alternative can be suggested in a positive way for both the companies making the application and the residents of the area.

Yours sincerely,



E W Deacon.

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3rd September 2001

Ref; TL/20014651

Dear Mr Millar

I would like to register my objection to the proposed erection of the BT Cellnet Transmitter at Laurel Park. I have detailed my reasons below

Health & Safety

Public opinion does not trust assurances on the health and safety of mobile phone transmitters. In fact, there is no concrete proof that there is no health risk from long term exposure.

House Price and Ease of Selling

Had this been in place at the time when I purchased I would **not** have even viewed it never mind considered buying it.

This will no doubt have a negative effect on house prices in the surrounding area.

All in all, I am very unhappy will this proposal and will support any campaign to ensure this application is rejected. I am sure there are many non-residential locations that could serve as a suitable alternative.

Yours sincerely

Elaine Clayton

Cc Earley Town Council

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Dear Sir

Re: - Planning Application No TL / 2001 / 4651- Proposed erection of Telecom Mask

I am horrified to hear of the above-proposed application of Telecom Mask in the middle of a private housing estate. On the grounds of

1 The improvements we have enjoyed to the Park and surrounding area to see it spoilt by such monolith will be a true eye saw.

2 The value to property in the immediate area

3 On the grounds of health and safety from the microwaves transmitted by such tower. With children using the park.

I as a ratepayer would be extremely disappointed if the counsel would approve such an application.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Kent

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Dear Joss,

Application No: TL/2001/4651

We wish to **strongly object** to the proposed erection of a telecommunications mast at the land adjacent to the Laurel Park underpass.

It is too close to residential premises and play areas. As you apparently have a minimum 60 metre distance policy from residential premises for mast of this kind, we are at a loss as to how the application has even got to this stage. It is merely 15-20 metres from the nearest house and over 100 properties are within 60 metres!

We are concerned that the constant barrage of waves to and from the mast will interfere with our health, satellite TV, infrared remote controls, mobile telephones and cordless house telephones.

Laurel Park is a visually charming piece of open land and a public amenity which is esoterically pleasing. Careful planting and maintenance of the grounds over many years has made it this way. But to pull out mature shrubs and destroy the visual attractiveness of a park with a mast of this nature is unacceptable. What happened to the policy of open land preservation?

A mast of this nature which is visible from our home is an eyesore. All eyesores detract from the appeal of a property when it comes to selling on and are cited in surveys and local searches. Consequently we would need to compensate for this with a reduction in resale value. We do not see how or why you should approve something which detracts from our overall financial wealth. Will we be compensated by a cash payment from BT and a reduction in our rates as a consequence of devaluing our property?

Is this mast exclusively for Lower Earley residents or for the general good of 'the country'? Certainly BT will profit by it, but will the local residents?

We use mobile phones and understand that they need telecommunications masts, but not if they must be in a public park in the middle of residential premises. If approved how long before you receive applications from Vodafone, Orange, etc. Where does the precedent stop?

These mast are part of our future and should be allowed, but site them near motorways, in the middle of roundabouts, on top of isolated industrial buildings or next to petrol stations. Anywhere where the purpose of the area is merely functional and not heavily residential or recreational.

I look forward to learning that the application has been rejected.

Yours Faithfully,

John & Ann Turton

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2nd September 2001

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Dear Sir

BT Cellnet Transmitter, Laurel Park – TL 20014651

I write to object to the planning application by BT Cellnet for permission to have a transmitter erected on land in Laurel Park, Lower Earley.

The grounds for my objections are as under: -

1) Laurel Park is a designated open space for the enjoyment of the community of its environmental, aesthetic and recreational facilities.

   These would be impaired by such a transmitter.

2) It is the council's policy that such transmitters should not be erected within 60 metres of residential housing and children's play areas.

   Clearly housing and recreational facilities are a great deal closer than 60 metres

3) Although not a proven fact there is public concern that such transmitters can have a detrimental health effect.

   This transmitter is easily within 50 metres or even less of residential housing and would be situated on a recreational area. It would also be within 5 metres of a bus stop, which on each school morning a large number of children await transport to school.

4) BT Cellnet reception in the immediate area is good.

   Is there a substantial need to boost the service further?

5) If planning permission for this transmitter were granted it would make the granting of further applications almost impossible to refuse.

This would lead to a proliferation of transmitters on the site.

6) There are sites in the locality, which are not in residential or recreational areas, which would be far more suitable for the community as a whole for them to be located.

I trust that you will fully consider my objections together with those received from other local residents who live in close proximity of the proposed site.

Yours faithfully,



Valerie J Boddington (Mrs)

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2nd Sept 01

Joss Miller
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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: BT CELLNET TRANSMITTER, LAUREL PARK, LOWER EARLEY
CTL/2001-4651

I received a letter informing us of the above BT cellnet Transmitter proposed site on Laurel Park footballfield and we are writing this letter to strongly object to the masts erection.

We feel that the site is unacceptably close to our residential housing (approx 20/25 metres away from our house). We regularly use the underpass to the playarea & field for our two young children, not only will the mast look large & ugly (out of keeping with the area), we are also concerned with the health risks for our children.

Also, we are sure if we wish to sell our home in future years the local search will be sure to show this transmitter

which will probably affect the sale & our house price.

We believe BT have plenty of non-residential locations where they could house this transmitter, rather than placing an ugly tall mast in the centre of Lower Earley. We feel this would be a negative point for our Estate which is just becoming established with nice green parks for use by our children.

Yours faithfully

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John & Tracy Platt

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Re: Application Number TL/2001/4651 - Proposed erection of 10m Telecom mast and associated equipment cabin - Rushey Way.

Dear Sir

I am writing to object to the proposed erection of a 10m telecommunications mast and associated equipment cabin.

I am somewhat concerned that such a residential area has been chosen given the choice of non-residential locations available. The proposed site is not only in the corner of a playing field frequently used by children and young people, it is also on the access path to a park used continuously by families. The proximity to housing is not only ridiculously close, only 20 metres from Swepstone Close, it is not within Earley Town Council's policy of no mobile phone transmitters in residential areas.

The appearance of this transmitter will not be in keeping with the area. I am also somewhat concerned with the detrimental effect on house prices in the area following the erection of such a mast. It can hardly be camouflaged and will show up in local searches.

My uppermost concern for this mast is the health issue Although it is argued that there is no proof of an associated health risk equally there is no proof that there are no health risks associated. May I also remind you that the government were quick to deny health risks from BSE of which we as a nation are now paying the price. I for one do not want to be experimented on from a profit making organisation on the off chance that this is not going to be a health issue in x number of years.

If there is such concern of phone masts in close proximity to schools, then why does this concern appear to not include the home life of these children which far outweighs the time spent on school premises. As we do not yet have a family, we face the prospect of our future family enduring their first few years of life with constant electromagnetic radiation in their home environment before they even get to school - apparently their only sanctuary. As we live diagonally opposite - maximum 60m from this proposed mast, that would be directly beamed into their bedroom 24 hours a day!

We cannot allow this to happen and my husband and myself strongly oppose the planned erection of this mast.

Yours faithfully

Catherine Evans (Mrs)

cc. Earley Town Council

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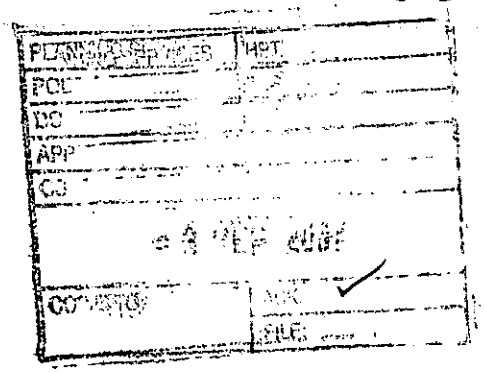

30th August 2001

Planning Officer
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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: **Planning Application Number: TL/2001/4651**
Proposed erection of 10m Telecom mast - Rushey Way

Name: Mr Patrick Joseph Daly and Mrs Alicia Mary Daly,
Address: 9 Harrington Close, Earley, Reading, Berkshire, RG6 3BU.
Telephone: 0118-9660190

I am writing to inform you of my objections to the above. I feel any erection of Telecom masts would be an eye-saw to such a pretty park area, and while I appreciate that we all have to "move with the times" I do not consider BT Cellnet/Telecom masts are needed in such an area where we have very pretty and unrestricted open space park land. I understand the mast will be next to the bus stop on Rushey Way, and although I would not be able to see this mast from my house I do feel that it is not necessary and therefore of no real benefit to residents who have to put up with cables being placed in the roads, and masts being erected for mobile phone users.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A.M. Daly
(and household)

cc. ***Earley Town Council***

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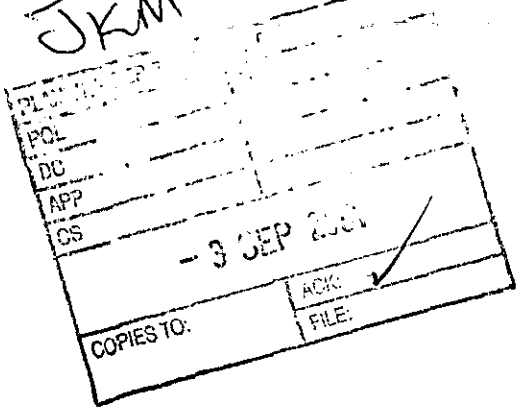

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30 August 2001.

TL/20014651

Dear Joss,

Please take this letter as my rejection of the plans of BT Cellnet to erect a transmitter in the area of Laurel Park on the grounds of those outlined in the enclosed document (.. No to BT Cellnet Transmitter..)

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,

Paul Allen

No to BT Cellnet Transmitter, Laurel Park football field / play area:

Planning application TL/20014651 for 10 metre BT Cellnet Phone transmitter mast, land adjactent to Underpass on Laurel Park; located on edge of football field, adjacent to Barkby residences (see map).

You must write personally to Wokingham District Council by Sat 8 Sept with all your objections.
Health concerns for our children and council policy may not be enough alone to support a rejection.
If accepted, you have no right of appeal. *(unlike the phone operators !)*

New phone mast not needed; and BT Cellnet have plenty of other non-residential locations:
BT Cellnet's signal strength near proposed site is already excellent - no new mast is needed.
Regardless, there are plenty of non-residential locations mobile phone operators could use.

Unacceptable proximity to residential housing, schools and play areas:
Less than 20 metres from residences with children in Swepstone Close.
35 metres from residences in Barkby, 40 metres from residences in Measham Way.
Houses in Owston, Marefield, Knossington Close, Ratby Close between 30 - 100 metres.
A bus stop is less than 5 metres away, used daily by children waiting for a bus to school.
The path to Loddon school and the football field are 1 metre away, used daily by children.
Wokingham district Council's policy is a minimum of 60 metres from residential housing, schools and recreational children's play areas, for phone transmitter masts.
Earley Town Council's policy is no mobile phone transmitters in residential areas - period.
This is not enough however; a strong voice of public opinion is needed to support a rejection.

The thin end of the wedge; opens the floodgates to more and bigger masts:
How long before they want to make the transmitter even bigger and more powerful? If accepted it opens the floodgates for all the other mobile phone operators to put masts on the edge of Laurel park football field. *All would be out of keeping with surroundings and would detriment quality of life.*

Out of keeping with the surroundings, detrimental to visual amenity:
Adjacent housing overlooks the scenic play-areas and of Laurel park. The transmitter will form the tallest and most significant item of the view to Laurel park. It is *out of keeping with surroundings. It affects the quality of life of all Lower Early residents + all using paths on Rushey way and park.*

The effect on your house prices and ease of sale:
People will take notice of how close your house is to a transmitter, public concern is growing.
It will probably affect your ease of sale and house price. It will come up in the local search.

Public concerns on Health and Safety:
Public opinion does not trust assurances on the health +safety of mobile phone transmitters.
The fact is there is no concrete proof that there is no health risk from long term exposure.
The departments of Health leaflet from Wokingham District council quotes the Stewart Group government report, which states *"there is some public concern about base-stations on or near schools".* If there is concern for our children at school, our children spend 10 times as long at home than they do at school, 10 times higher exposure to children living close to the transmitter than at school. *The transmitter (at first floor level) will be continuously beaming full power directly into children's bedrooms as little as 25 metres away !*

Your written opinion is needed and will make a difference.
The Council is sympathetic. Public opinion is part of their decision; please help them by writing a personal objection to Joss Miller, Environmental Services Department, Planning services, P.O. box 157, Shute End, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 1WR (quote TL/20014651).
(Please drop a copy of to the Earley Town Council Town Clerk, Radsock Lane, Earley, RG65UL -will help)
5 other transmitters have been rejected due to public opinion, but operators are appealing.
*** Information, to help or view plans: Resident Ian Palmer, 33 Swepstone. 0118-9616388.**
Can you help represent your street ? - please call we need every small help you can give.
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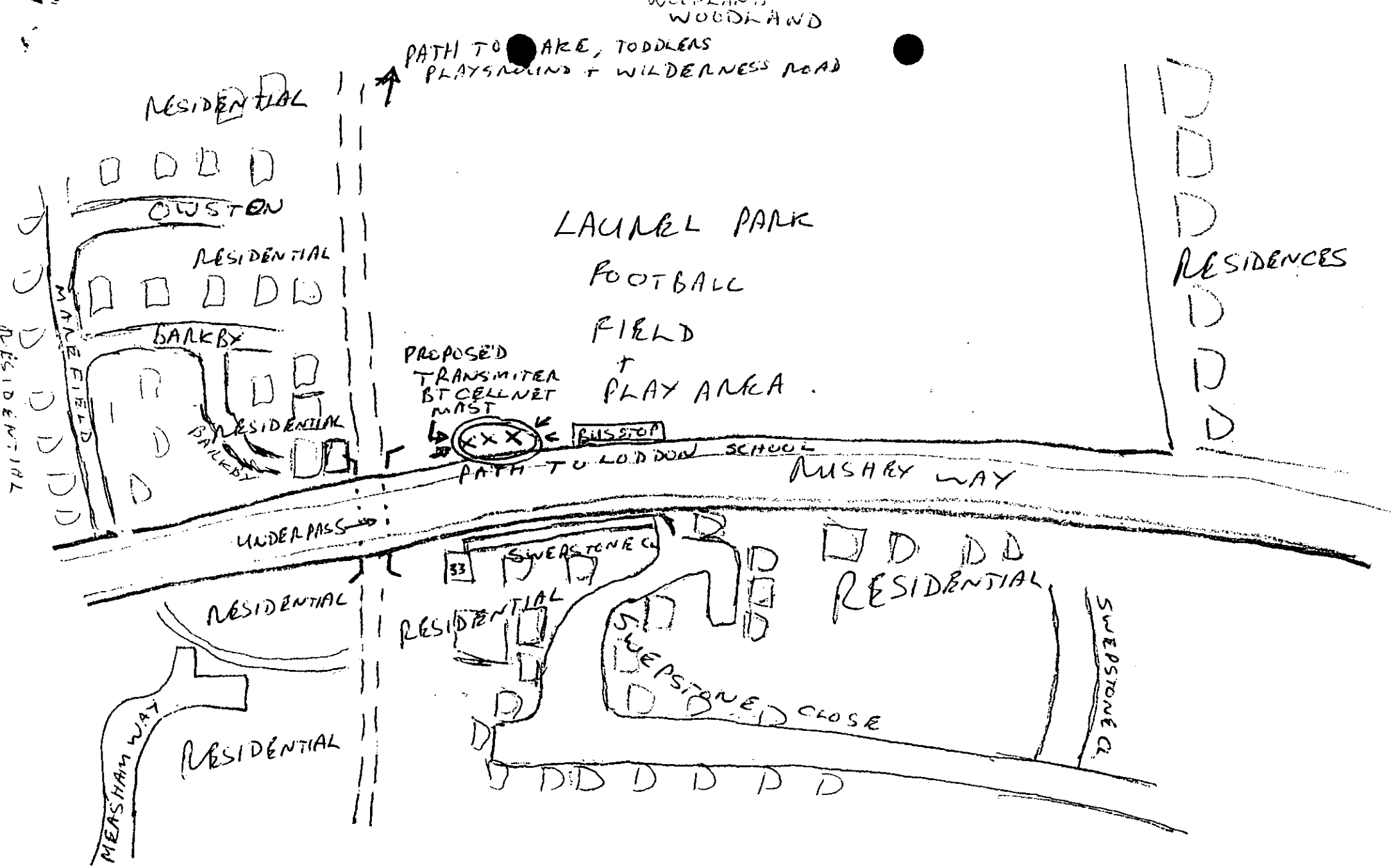

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Dear Mr Miller

RE: Application number TL/2001/4651

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I live extremely near to this location and am very upset and disturbed to read that the Council is considering this proposal. I bought my house because of the attractive area and surroundings, and am strongly against this proposal. I have severe concerns about the unknown related health issues related with such equipment and the positively detrimental effect it would have on the area. There are plenty of alternative non-residential areas which BT could erect such a mast. How could the Council even consider such a proposal when thinking of its local residents? This erection would be damaging to health, detrimental to surroundings, reduce house prices if we could even sell them in future and no doubt open the floodgates to further monstrosity erections.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinions. Please please take my considerations into account and reject this proposal.

Yours sincerely

Rachael Hynes

cc: Earley Town Council Town Clerk, Radstock Lane, Lower Earley, RG6 5UL

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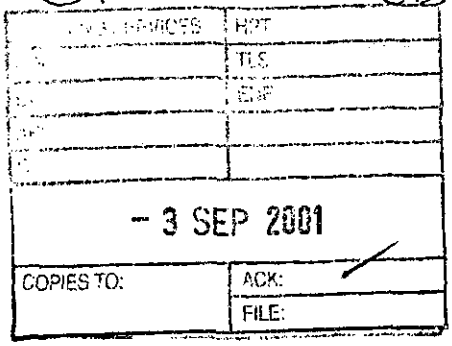

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Mr J Miller
Wokingham District Council
Environmental Services Department
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29th August 2001

Dear Mr Miller

I am writing with reference to Application No TL/2001/4651

I am extremely concerned that this proposal has been put forward particularly as this is a prime residential area and Laurel Park is one of the main recreation areas. I have read and heard various reports about the effects of living near such an erection and would ask that BT Cellnet Ltd provide satisfactory information to prove that it is not harmful. If they are unable to do so then they should give due consideration to relocating the mast elsewhere i.e. the land adjacent to the M4.

I look forward to hearing from them

Yours sincerely

Helen Watters

Joss Miller

From: David Swindells
Sent: 30 August 2001 14:04
To: Joss Miller
Cc: Diana Carpenter; Caroline Smith (E-mail)
Subject: Masts at Laurel Park

Would you lease note that I wish to object to the telecommunication mast being constructed a the above site for the following reasons:-

- The site and construction would be intrusive to neighbouring property especially in my Ward in respect of Swepstone Close.
- The Council policy is to refuse such application where there are children and many people using the area. This location serves leisure facilities and children attending the local primary schools of Loddon Infant and Junior, Hawkedon School and Radstock school.
- There is a play area in the vicinity on Laurel Park and children would pass the area underneath the mast to go to this play area.
- The height of the mast is higher at this point than the normal street furniture and the diagram shows that it is higher than the street lamp.
- There is a bus stop at this point and residents would be affected by the construction of this mast as they would be very close to its influence.

For the above reasons I would like the application to be turned down or referred to the Development Control Committee
David Swindells
Councillor for Little Hungerford ward Earley

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PROPOSED MOBILE PHONE MAST.

REF:TL/20014651

DEAR SIR OR MADAM.

As you may or not be aware this is not the kind of eyesore needed in lower earley, for the first concern it is a health fear that microwave radiation can do damage to human health, and also there is no need for the mast in the first place, as telecommunications in the area are good, not to mention the fact that a lot of people live within metres, and play in the field that this mast is to be situated,nor to the possibility that house prices will fall, due to a microwave radiation mast so close to where we live, If there is to be a mast find somewhere else with little or no people living near this modern day nuisance.

Yours sincerely

N.J.KENT.

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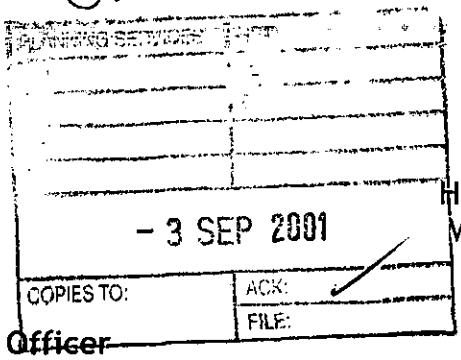

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinions. Please please take my considerations into account and reject this proposal.

Yours sincerely

Rachael Hynes

cc: Earley Town Council Town Clerk, Radstock Lane, Lower Earley, RG6 5UL

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Dear Sir/Madame

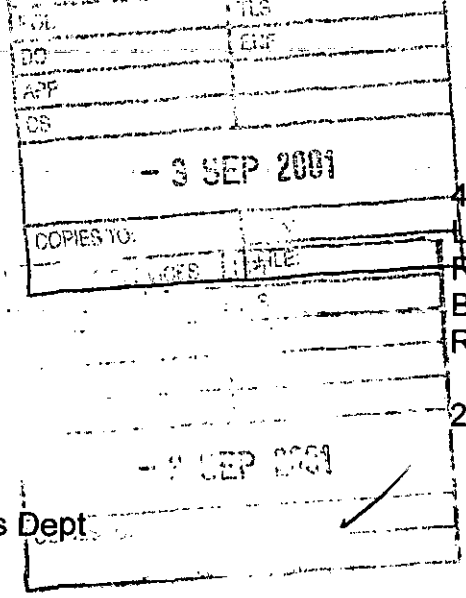
With reference to BT Cellnet Transmitter, we wish to object to its ~~erection~~ erection as it is too close to the road and bus stop and may effect the people using the park. If it is anything like the other masts we have seen they look unsightly. They will also make it difficult to sell local houses unless people drop the prices.

Surely there are plenty of other sites it could be erected without causing problems for local residences.

Yours Sincerely

C Jenkins

MR & MRS C. JENKINS



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27 August 2001

Joss Miller
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Dear Joss,

RE: APPLICATION NUMBER: TL/2001/4651

I am writing to you regarding your letter dated 22 August 2001, regarding the Proposed Erection of a Telecommunications Mast & Associated Equipment Cabin.

If feel that I must strongly disagree with this request due to the following:

- The proposed siting of the telecommunications equipment is far too close to a large number of residential dwellings.
- Reports have shown that the emissions from this type of equipment is detrimental to health.
- There are less populated sites within the local area.
- The mast would be higher than any other buildings in the area and would be a potential eyesore.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

D. P. Nottage

Dawn Nottage

cc: Town Council

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31 August 2001

Dear Mr Miller

Proposed erection of 10m Telecom mast – Rushey Way (adjacent to underpass in Laurel Park – BT Cellnet)

TL/2001/4651

I write to state my objections to the proposed erection of a Telecom mast by BT Cellnet in Rushey Way. Apart from possible health hazards and the obvious detrimental effect on the pleasant surroundings, surely there is no need at all to site the mast in a residential area – there is plenty of open land which could be used which would much more suitable (if this mast is needed at all). Paying the very high rate of Council Tax as we do, residents feel entitled to live in a well-kept, litter-free area, in surroundings which are pleasing to the eye. Please let us keep it this way.

Yours faithfully

P Taylor (Mrs)

cc The Town Clerk, Earley Town Council
Council Offices, Radstock Lane
Earley, Reading, RG6 5UL

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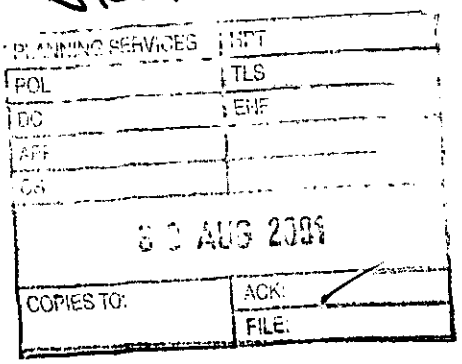

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Mr Joss Miller
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29 August 2001

Dear Mr Miller,

Application Number TL/2001/4651
Proposed Erection of Telecommunications Mast &
Associated Equipment Cabin

I received your letter dated 22nd August 2001 concerning the application by BT Cellnet Ltd. who are proposing to erect a telecommunication mast and associated equipment cabin on the land adjacent to the underpass, Laurel Park, Rushey Way, Lower Earley.

I strongly oppose any application to erect a telecommunications mast in a highly populated area such as Lower Earley and with three local schools in the vicinity.

From what I understand there is still a lot of uncertainty about these masts with regard to health implications and I believe they should not be located within this area.

Should there be any public meeting, I will be pleased to attend.

Regards,

Sonia Collins

Sonia Collins

Sent by Fax and Mail

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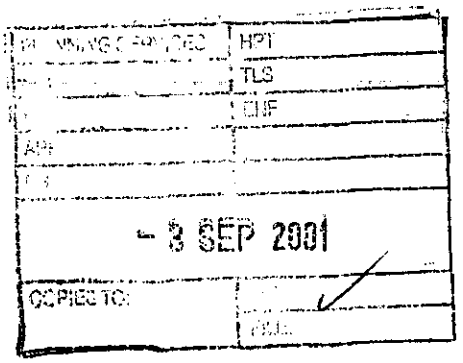

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Attn: Joss Miller
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Dear Mr Miller,

Application Number TL/2001/4651 (10m Telecom' Mast, Laurel Park)

Please lodge my objection to the above planning application on the following grounds:

1) The area is residential and therefore is not suitable site for a commercial Telecom' Mast, within close proximity to existing housing and a playing field (used by the community including children).

2) Concern over Health and Safety, the government's own web page states:

"*Gaps in scientific knowledge led the Stewart Group to recommend a precautionary approach to the use of mobile phones and base stations until more research findings become available. They added that in some cases people's well-being may be adversely affected by insensitive siting of base stations.*"

In my opinion the siting of such a base station in Laurel park would be insensitive and add no value to the residents living in the area. There are alternative sites near the M4 where there are light industrial units. In such a site a Telecom' Mast could be positioned some distance away from housing.

Please keep me appraised of the situation.

Yours sincerely

Philip Marsh

e-mail address: p.marsh@ntlworld.com

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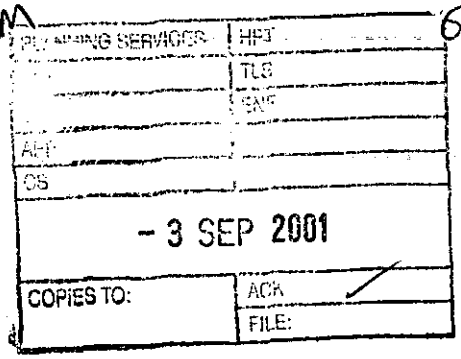

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P.D.Sturgess
7 Owston
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29/08/2001

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Application Number TL/2001/4651

With reference to your letter about the proposed BT Celnet phone mast, I wish to lodge my strongest objection. It must effect the price and saleability of the surrounding houses as no one wants to live in the shadow of one of these structures. A ten metre mast would most certainly be out of keeping with the residential and recreational nature of the immediate area. It is too close to the houses, in the corner of a playing field and directly over a bus stop and main walking thoroughfare. Safety is an issue as whilst not being proved to be unsafe these structures are not proved to be safe either and there are guidelines that they should not be within 60 metres of houses. There is also the question of whether it's actually required. I have a BT Celnet phone and the reception in this area is excellent, so why do we need this new mast. If there is an absolute requirement for a mast then an extra piece of communications equipment on top of the new police station would not look out of place at all or better still put it down by the motorway as far away from residential housing as it will go.

Regards

P.D.Sturgess

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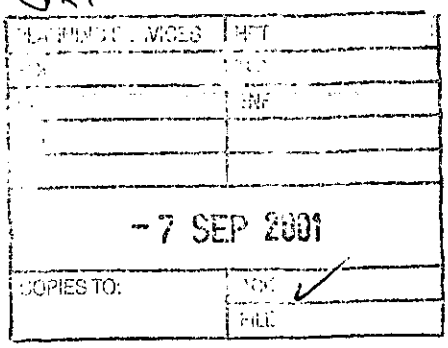

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5 September 2001

Joss Miller
Environmental Services Department
Planning Services
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Berkshire RG40 1WR

cc: Early Town Council

Reference: TL/20014651

Dear Joss,

I would like to advise you of my objections to the proposed Cellnet transmitter, on Laurel Park.

I understand that this is against council guidelines, which I presume were set up because of the concern for the health and safety of the residents. If this is the case, then breaching the guidelines is not acceptable.

The location is very close to a number of residential areas, as well as a doctor's surgery, where ante-natal appointments and baby clinics are regularly held. Surely if there are any health concerns, then the people attending this surgery will be amongst those most vulnerable.

I have a small child whom I regularly take to the lake, which would involve walking right by the transmitter. I would have thought that the council would appreciate people walking to local sites. The placement of a transmitter so close to a key route would cause more people to drive, rather than risk the health of their children.

The lake and the surrounding woodland is an area of beauty, and I know that local children are encouraged to help with the upkeep of the woodland. This is a very good past-time, and yet it would put the children in close proximity to the transmitter. In addition, the transmitter would be out of place in such surroundings.

I also do not understand the requirement for the transmitter to be located in this area, as the reception around that area is excellent.

I very much hope that this, and any further application, is rejected, as I can not think of many more places that would be more unsuitable for a transmitter.

Yours sincerely,

Sioban Blight

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4 September 2001

Planning Officer
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Dear Sirs

Re: Planning Application: TL/2001/4651
Subject: Proposed erection of 10m Telecom mast

Further to the above recent planning application our observations and objections are as follows:

There can be indirect adverse effects on the well-being of the people living near to the proposed base station from the anxieties that some people feel because of the uncertainties of the possibility of harm from RF radiation exposure which currently can not be ruled out with confidence [1].

We feel that the siting of the proposed base station will result in a loss of amenity, has a negative visual impact, and possible reduction in the value of property. It is clear that the Maiden Erlegh Park is classified as a Local Nature Reserve [2]. This fact, coupled with great historical and ecological importance of the nearby Oak Wood, the 10m radio mast does not seem in keeping with Earley Town Council's responsibility for the local community because of the sensitivity of this proposed site.

Rushy Way is used by parents walking their children and babies to/from the Loddon School (past the proposed site) and the Laurel Park playing field is used by the local children - both children and babies might be especially vulnerable to any adverse effects of RF radiation. There is evidence that since children are being exposed to RF radiation from base stations and from mobile phones from a younger age than adults, they will have a longer time in which to accumulate exposure over the course of their lives, and a longer time for any delayed effects of exposure to develop.

If this application goes ahead then where is the line to be drawn? There must be a template of protocols which can be used to inform the planning process - this would then ensure regularity and conformity etc. We feel that if this was in place, this planning application would be rejected - in part due to it being in a high population area for example. Personally, we consider the proposed site unacceptably close to residential housing and the Laurel Park recreation area when there is no technical reason why the mast can not be sited in an unpopulated location. Especially with the knowledge that this proposed sites represents good economic value to BT Cellnet due to its close proximity to existing underground services.

Please consider recommending to the operator they actively pursue a policy of mast sharing and roaming as an alternative to this particular planning application. We hope that our observations and objections will be carefully considered in this planning application process.

Yours faithfully

D. Stevenson H Stevenson

Derek & Heidi Stevenson

1 Stewart Group Report, www.iegmp.org.uk, paragraph 6.44
2 Earley Resident's Guide 2000-2001, Earley Town Council, page 12

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cc. Earley Town Council Town Clerk
Application No: TL/2001/4651

Dear Mr. Miller

We wish to object to the proposed telecommunications mast for the following reasons:-

1. Unacceptable proximity to housing, schools and play areas We often use the adjacent footpath en route to playgroups and the Maiden Place shops and am not happy about exposing my 1 year old daughter to any emissions from this mast. In addition to this our house is also not far from the mast (an even greater risk).
2. Description of play area used regularly by children It is totally unreasonable that a field used by children should be ruined by a mast that could be situated in a non-residential area without causing problems with mobile phone reception (which is fine in this area anyway).

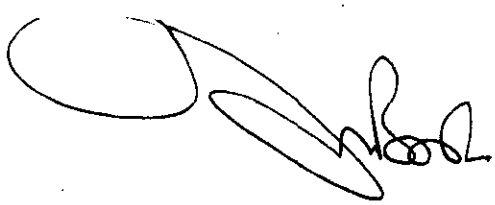
P.T.O.

3. Public Concern on Health and Safety It cannot be denied that public concern is growing in this area. At the very least this would have a detrimental effect on house prices in this area, let alone any real problems caused by the transmitter.

To conclude, situating the transmitter in this area would be out of keeping with surroundings, affects the quality of life of people living in close proximity to it (most notably in the case of children) and destroy one of the few large open fields available in Lower Earley.

Thank you for your attention in this area.

Yours sincerely



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Attention: Joss Miller

6.08.01

Dear Mr Miller,

Reference: TL/200014651

I am writing to object to the application to site a BT Cellnet Transmitter mast adjacent to the underpass next to Laurel Park

I feel that this mast is too close to residential housing and may therefore be a health risk. I am also worried about what effect it might have on the value of our house and whether it would cause a delay if we should want to sell. A transmitter of the height proposed would be easily visible from our house.

I urge you to refuse planning permission for this mast, as I am sure a much more suitable site could be found.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Reynolds.

Sarah Reynolds (Mrs)

cc Earley Town Council Clerk

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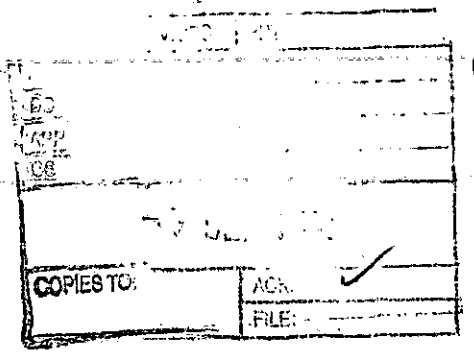

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Joss Miller
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Planning Application TL/2001/4651

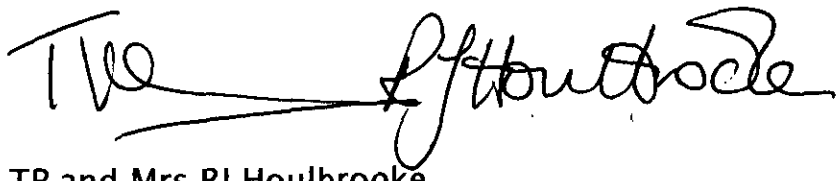
We have just returned from holiday and found the correspondence in respect of the above application, and trust that our views will be taken into account.

We object strongly to the erection of the transmitter mast in Laurel Park for a number of reasons:

1. Laurel Park provides an amenity for the local community, which would be totally spoilt by this potential eyesore.
2. The mast is totally unnecessary in this location as the signal is already good in this area, and there are plenty of locations away from houses where it could be sited.
3. There are obvious health and safety issues to be considered, taking into account that Laurel Park is used by many children and situated so close to residential properties and schools.
4. Lower Earley is a massive housing estate, relieved only by a few green areas, of which Laurel Park is one of the most enjoyed and utilised by residents.
5. As you will be aware, the hedges adjoining Laurel Park have recently been substantially cut back, allowing us an unobstructed and pleasant view of the park. **The last thing we now want is an unobstructed view of a 10-metre transmitter mast instead of foliage and greenery!**

To sum up, this project appears to be totally unnecessary and out of place at the proposed site, and we trust that you will act in the interests of your council tax payers and refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,



TP and Mrs RJ Houlbrooke

cc. Earley Town Council.

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To

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Wokingham council
Wokingham

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Dear Sir/Madam.

We Strongly object regarding BT. Cellnet Transmitter in our area. Children use the sub-way regularly to go to School and for play in the field. Also women use the Sub-way and foot Path, to take the children in the Play Park. Due to this our properties values also effect. Therefore we do not like these transmitter in our area.

Thanks

Yours

G. KHARKORN

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Dear Ms Freeman,

RE: PROPOSED ERECTION OF ONE 10 METRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT CABIN AT LAND ADJACENT TO UNDERPASS, LAUREL PARK, RUSHEY WAY, EARLEY. (TL/2001/4651)

I refer to your notification for the erection of one 10 metre telecommunications mast and associated equipment cabin.

I write to formally advise you that the Local Planning Authority requires prior approval of this scheme, in view of its proximity to residential properties.

I would be grateful if you could advise me in writing within ten days of this letter if you are able to revise the scheme and re-site it to an alternative location, which would be significantly further away from any sensitive issues.

Yours sincerely

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M L THORP
Principal Development Control Officer

File: TL.2001.4651
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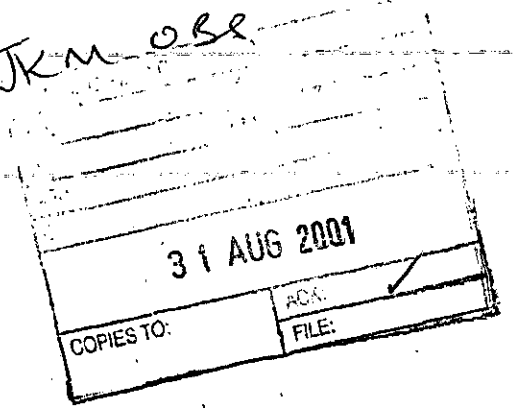

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29 August 2001

Local resident Objection to Planning Application TL/2001/4651

Dear Joss,
Thank you for you notification of the BT Cellnet planning application TL/2001/4651 for a 10 metre telecommunications mast and associated cabin equipment - location: Land adjacent to underpass on Laurel park, football field/play-area side, adjacent to Barkby residences, opposite Swepstone residences.

I object to the proposed development in the strongest terms as a resident of Swepstone Close and urge Wokingham District Council planning officer to reject BT Cellnet's proposed development.
I am shocked by BT Cellnet's outrageous lack of regard for residents.

1) A New BT Cellnet phone mast is not needed:
BT Cellnet's signal strength near proposed site is already excellent - no new mast is needed.
I should know I currently have a BT Cellnet phone provided by my current employer.

2) BT Cellnet have plenty of other non-residential locations they could use:
There are plenty of non-residential locations mobile phone operators could use (transmitters like the one proposed have ranges of kilometres). Any increased cost argument by BT Cellnet really doesn't stand up if it's at the expense of Lower Earley residents, their Council, and their quality of life.

3) Unacceptable proximity to residential housing, schools access and play areas:
I was advised that Wokingham district Council's policy is a minimum of 60 metres from residential housing, schools and recreational children's play areas, for phone transmitter masts.
Earley Town Council advised its policy is no mobile phone transmitters in residential areas - period.
The Council's policies and guidelines are based on its wisdom and representation of the Lower Earley residents as a whole. The Council advised me that many other planning applications for transmitters (e.g. TL/20003667, TL/20003297, TL/20002565, TL/20002518 TL/20000442, TL/20002874) were rejected on grounds of the above District and Town Council's policies + guidelines with no appeal.
Please don't let BT Cellnet & other operators ride roughshod over the Council it will set a precedence.

I have an unprecedented case with the proposed mast location less than 20 metres from my residence. It is also only 25 metres from my the beds where my children, little girls (aged 5 and 6 years) and my little boys (aged 3 and 8 years) sleep, on direct level of the transmitter !

The proposed site is less than 25 - 55 metres from other residences with children in Swepstone Close.
It is approx 35 metres from residences in Barkby, 40 metres from residences in Measham Way.
Houses in Owston, Marefield, Knossington Close, Ratby Close between 50 - 100 metres.
Basically there is a huge number of residences within 100 metres of the proposed site.

Also, a bus stop is less than 5 metres away, used daily by children waiting for a bus to school.
The path to Loddon School and the football field are 1 metre away, both used daily by children.

Joss,

The distances from residences I state overleaf are with my best ability in the timescales given using the application plans, roadmaps and practical simple means.

If there is any inaccuracy then I believe it is relatively minor. - the close proximity is obvious.

Whatever, the proximity to residences of the proposed mast site application is well within the councils own guidelines and policy, and is unacceptable. Please refuse the application.

regards Ian Rutherford 29/Aug 2001

4) I am concerned that if passed, this application will be the thin end of the wedge and will open the floodgates to more and bigger masts:
How long before they want to make the transmitter even bigger and more powerful?
If accepted it opens the floodgates for all the other mobile phone operators to put masts on the edge of Laurel Park football field. All such developments would be out of keeping with surroundings.
Please protect the above residences and Lower Earley residents from the pain of a flood of applications to fight, and the potential flood of masts + transmitters on the Laurel Park playing filed adjacent to residences that would be inevitable if TL/2001/4651 is passed.

5) The mast development will be out of keeping with surroundings and detrimental visual ammenity and to quality of life: Adjacent housing overlooks the scenic play-areas and of Laurel park. The transmitter will form the tallest and most significant item of the view to Laurel Park. This is definitely out of keeping with surroundings and will be detrimental to the quality of life not only to Lower Earley resident's immediately adjacent to the Laurel park, but to all residents and visitors to Lower Early, Laurel Park, and users of adjacent roads and pathways.

6) The effect on Lower Earley residents house prices and ease of sale:
I have spoken to many residents within half a kilometre of the proposed mast site. All are concerned that people will take notice of how close your house is to a transmitter. There are the obvious concerns for potentially ruined views and surroundings from ones home if masts and transmitters are erected. There is without question a deep-seated mistrust of mobile phone masts, and public concern is growing as people become more aware of the unresolved long-term health questions. They and I all agree these are issues <u>we</u> would take considerable notice of when buying new houses - very real.
All believe it will probably affect ease of sale and price they could sell their houses for.

7) Public concern on Health and Safety:
Public opinion does not trust assurances on the health +safety of mobile phone transmitters.
The fact is there is no concrete proof that there is no health risk from long term exposure.
The departments of Health leaflet from Wokingham District council quotes the Stewart Group government report, which states "there is some public concern about base-stations on or near schools". If there is concern for our children at school, our children spend 10 times as long at home than they do at school, i.e. at least 10 times higher annual exposure to children living close to the transmitter than at school in a year. *Please do not ignore the possible risks to the health of individual residents + children living close to the transmitter and exposed to higher than average transmitter radiation exposure, do not let their possible risk be lost in uncertainties and averaged out community statistics.* It would be more in the interests of Lower Earley residents if the District and Town Councils maintained and enforced their "minimum of 60 metre for mast from residences" and "no transmitters in residential areas" policies (mentioned in 1) above), until there is conclusive evidence supporting or negating unanswered long-term health questions.

On a personal note: The transmitter (at first floor level) will be continuously beaming full power directly into children's bedrooms as little as 25 metres away, where they sleep and play for 12 hours every day. I do not give BT Cellnet permission beam it's signal from TL/2001/4651 into my home.
My wife and I moved to 33 Swepstone Close to build a dream home for our children and us. The TL/2001/4651 transmitter and the implications for more, ruined environment, if built would concern us so much, and ruin our quality of life so much as to leave our dream home in tatters.

Please listen to my concerns. Stick to your existing District and Town Council pollicies and guidelines and reject the TL/2001/4651 mast and it's unacceptably close location to residences, as you have done for the other similar mast applications on Lower Earley mentioned above.

Yours sincerely Ian Palmer

Ian Palmer

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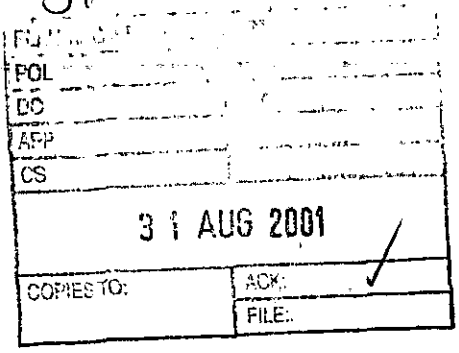

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W.D.C
Environmental Planning Services
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Dear Joss,

I am writing in objection to the Planning Application no:- TL/2001/4651.

My family and I live in the house directly opposite the proposed BT cellnet Mast. We have a lovely house which we moved into 18 months ago. We have spent alot of money getting the 'previously rented' house into now a wonderful home.

My husband and I have four children, 2 girls and 2 boys. The eldest is 8 years old and the youngest is 3. The girls share the front bedroom which although noisy from the busy Rushey Way road has a very pleasant view. It is 25 metres away from the proposed BT Cellnet Mast site and as our house is below the level of the main road, the bedroom is at a level

with the proposed mast, such as to cause us great concern. We, my husband and I, are both Physics graduates and are very much aware of the problems with mobile phones and the microwaves emitted. We do not let our children use mobile phones as they are at such an impressionable age, when their brains and nervous systems are developing. We therefore do not wish to have our children subjected to this radiation day and night.

I mentioned the view from the girls bedroom - it is wonderful to see the footballers playing on a Sunday, the fireworks on bonfire night are beautiful. The park is quite picturesque - if the BT cellnet mast is built it will be in full view from the girls bedroom and will look quite ugly - certainly not in keeping with the surrounding.

My husband has a BT cellnet phone from work and has a constant excellent signal and so a new mast is not needed. There are plenty of other non-residential sites over the other side of the motorway. I understand that we need the masts but in the present climate when no-one trusts them let us play safe

Everyday lots of children stand at the bus stop, walk along the path to School or play in the park. They will be exposed to radiation that we could do without.

I understand from talking to our local councillors that Earley Town Council has a policy of no masts in residential or child recreation areas. Also Wokingham uses a 60m distance to local residences as a guide. My children's play room is less than 20m from the proposed mast, my living room is 25m away and the girls bedroom is 25m and at a 'direct hit' height.

I am very involved in the local area. I run a toddler group, a pre-school, I'm on the Hawkedon Schod PTA and I help in the Schod 2 mornings a week.

We have just started to live lives that are good. That benefit Society We do not want to leave them - but we would have to completely disturb our children, our schools, our home and alot of other people in Lower Earley If this mast is approved as we

would have to leave our house.
but could we sell it? at a lower price?
We could not live here, Wondering
what effect the mast was having on
our children. - we probably would have to sell for less than it is worth + move out of the area because we couldn't afford another of equal size + comfort. 4 bed house

SO PLEASE listen to the local residents - we do not want a mast here.

We do not need a mast - Good - excellent signals.

I like the park it looks wonderful in every season - The mast will obstruct my view.

The health risks are not proven in any direction - please do not let my children be their Guinea pigs.

Earley Town Council doesn't want it and
W.D.C has 60m Guidelines
surely 20-25m is in too risky an area.

Yours faithfully
Angela Palmer

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Please Find a copy of my letter posted to you today, objecting to plannning application TL/2001/4651.

Regards
Philip Marsh
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Sent by Fax and Mail

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"*Gaps in scientific knowledge led the Stewart Group to recommend a precautionary approach to the use of mobile phones and base stations until more research findings become available. They added that in some cases people's well-being may be adversely affected by insensitive siting of base stations.*"

In my opinion the siting of such a base station in Laurel park would be insensitive and add no value to the residents living in the area. There are alternative sites near the M4 where there are light industrial units. In such a site a Telecom' Mast could be positioned some distance away from housing.

Please keep me appraised of the situation.

Yours sincerely

Philip Marsh

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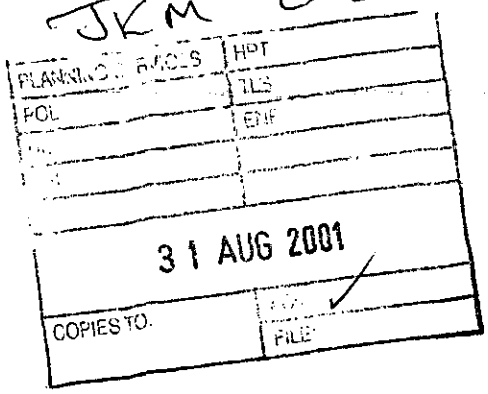

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August 30th 2001

Dear Sir

Re:- Planning Application No TL/2001/4651 - Proposed erection of 10m Telecom mast and associated equipment cabin - Rushey Way (Land adjacent to underpass in Laurel Park) -BT Cellnet

Thank you for advising me of the proposed planning application on the above site. I wish to place on record our objections to this proposal for the following reasons.

1 It would be far too near residential premises.

2 Placement would be too near playing fields and the park used by young people

3 School children and general public waiting for the buses

4 Most importantly we are most concerned regarding the potential health hazard..

Having spoken to many residents close by there is a great deal of strong feeling about this proposal and I trust attention will be given to our very real concerns.

Yours faithfully

R J Stringer (Mr)
D M Stringer Mrs)

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28 August 2001

Dear Ms Miller

Application Number: TL/2001/4651

I refer to your letter of 22 August regarding the proposed erection of one 10-meter telecommunication mast and associated equipment.

Further to my telephone conversation with you & Mr Thorp. I had a chance to review the information available at Early Town Council office.

I would like to register my formal objection to this application. As I understand it , your Council is also planning to object to this, based on my discussion with your colleague.

I understand that the service provider needs to erect this mast to increase the coverage and the capacity of their network in the Lower Earley area.

I am also aware that most people do not want them close to their houses etc. As I understand it, the council policy on this type of application, is that you do not offer the service provider alternatives sites (i.e. they identify a location, then they give you notice.)

I would like to say that this policy although seems to be neutral on the face of it, but puts the emphasis on the service provider to propose alternative locations. If you, in certain cases, advise them on your proposed alternative location based on your local knowledge, they would have to consider it, this could save every one, time.

In the case of this location in Lower Early, there are alternative locations, a similar height mast could be erected the other end of Laurel Park near the woods (not near other residents houses), or a higher mast could be erected further south, near Lower Early Way, to achieve similar results. However, the second suggested location would involve more cost, a scenario the service provider would probably rather avoid.

I hope the proposed alternatives are useful.

Can I please request from you, or the developer agent, information on the level of magnetic arrays that are likely to be generated from this type of Mast, and the long-term effect on the health of people including Children.

I look forward to hearing your comments.

Yours sincerely

Mr & Mrs M. Al-Katib

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30 August, 2001

Your Ref. TL/2001/4651

Dear Mr Miller

I wish to lodge my objection to the above planning application, for the following reasons:-

1 There is no need for the extra mast as the BT reception is of the top quality based on our family's experience, as well as others we have spoken to.
2 If extra lines are required then why not add to the existing mast covering this area.
3 If it is for the new technology telephones, then again add to the existing mast.
4 The sighting is too near to residential properties. As children spend more time at home than they do at schools and as school can ban the erection of masts on health and safety issues, the residential areas should be even more protected by the council
5 The sighting is on a play area for children, objection as in paragraph 4.
6 It has not yet been scientifically proven that these masts, and until the government health watch dogs state that there is no danger to the health of the community, especially the unborn child, I feel the council should stop all further masts in residential areas.

Yours sincerely

Nigel Bevan

c/c Councillor D. Hare

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Contact Deanna Freeman
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Date: 17th August 2001
Our Ref DLF/17575
Your Ref: JM/MLT/PREAPP/EARLEY

Dear Mr Thorp

BT Cellnet Telecommunications Installation: Cell Ref 17575 - Proposed radio base station on: land adjacent to Rushey Way, Lower Earley, Reading, RG6 3DY

I hereby give formal notice on behalf of BT Cellnet Ltd of their intention to erect a 10m high street furniture column together with associated cabinet equipment to be erected at the above named site.

In accordance with Part 24 of the General Permitted Development Order 1995, paragraph A.2 (4A). I request a 42 - day determination as to whether prior approval is required for the siting and appearance of the proposal.

The following information is submitted in support of this notification:

- Completed Prior Notification form
- A written summary of the proposed development, and other relevant information.
- A 1:1250 site location plan
- Drawings illustrating the nature of the proposed equipment.
- The fee of £35.
- A signed declaration of conformity with ICNIRP public exposure guidelines
- Supplementary information v1.0
- A copy of the site notice as displayed on site.
- 1:50000 overlay plot sheets showing existing coverage to the surrounding area and coverage with the proposed cell.

To assist you in consideration of this matter I provide the following information in relation to this particular case.

Preliminary Discussions.

The Local Planning Authority was contacted at a preliminary stage to discuss the possible options available within the search area. A letter of response was received from planning officer Mr M L Thorp stating that he considered that none of the

options identified were suitable for the siting of telecommunications development. The reason given relates solely to the proximity of the possible sites in relation to residential properties.

No other suitable locations could be provided by the planning officer and he recommended that we opt for locations further away from high density residential areas. The officer also stated that the LPA encourages mast sharing but concluded that this is unlikely within the area my client was looking to locate a mast within.

As a site is required to meet my clients technical and operational requirements within the specified cell area a response was sent to the LPA on 30th July 2001 requesting that the officer consider reconsider his previous recommendation.

Within the letter I confirmed that no opportunity for a mast share exists within the search area. In terms of siting and design I did put forward the possibility of entering into discussion about the actual type of column to be used to form part of the proposal.

The issue raised in relation to the proximity to housing was addressed by assuring the LPA that any proposal would be within the safety guidelines as set by the National Radiological Protection Board. I also stated that any submission would be accompanied by a Declaration of Conformity with ICNIRP Public Exposure Guidelines as it the standard approach for all BT Cellnet proposals. This was also backed up by PPG 8 as I reminded the LPA of its requirement to be aware of special needs and technical problems of telecommunications development and not to refuse proposals on the basis of policies framed in terms of conventional buildings and land use.

The officer was also reminded of my clients clear technical and operational requirement to achieve a telecoms scheme within the search area.

To date I have received no further response from the planning officer and have little alternative but to submit a prior approval for the site considered to be the most suitable option in planning and technical terms.

Justification for the site.

This application is for a telecommunications installation to accommodate the requirements of BT Cellnet Ltd who are a licenced telecommunications code system operator under the Telecommunications Act 1984. Therefore, BT Cellnet is

licenced to establish a Personal Communications Network throughout the UK. To meet its licence requirements BT Cellnet has to create a network that can provide good quality coverage for mobile communications.

In addition, the capacity of the system must be sufficient to meet the reasonable demands likely to be placed upon it. The use of cellular technology and the establishment of connected sites are of prime importance. As a result, this requires sites to be situated at regular intervals throughout the country to create a more or less unbroken patchwork to provide coverage. In order for sites to work effectively, they must usually be situated towards the centre of the area requiring coverage and be at positions that will allow the cell to link into existing or planned parts of the network.

Our clients have a requirement to provide coverage for the area. The proposed cell area will play a key part in the network deployment, linking to existing cells. The site will give the required offload and improve the existing coverage and quality to this area to the required signal levels. This is vital to maintaining the quality and availability of signal in this locality.

PPG 8 - *Telecommunications* advises local planning authorities to be aware of the special needs and technical problems of telecommunications development and not to refuse proposals on the basis of policies framed in terms of conventional buildings and land use.

PPG 8 states at paragraph 6 'Authorities should not question the need for the service which a proposed development is to provide..' Even so, justification for the cell is provided as part of this prior approval submission in support of the proposal. Prediction plots are attached that indicate the extent of signal coverage with and without the proposal. The plots clearly demonstrate the need for the installation and its contribution to the national network.

Alternative Sites

A number of alternative sites have been discounted due to their visual prominence, technical difficulties or landowners expressing no interest at the time they were approached.

The possibility of site sharing has been investigated. Unfortunately, there are no existing masts or structures in the locality that could be utilised. The locality is, for the most part, dense residential with few locations that would, while offering the operational requirements and the necessary height above natural clutter level.

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A 10m high street furniture column has been chosen as a suitable structure in terms of the limited amount of visual change such a proposal would have on the surrounding area whist accommodating our clients technical requirements. Our client requires this particular height for the structure to be able to work effectively within the area.

I would also contend that the potential limited visual impact is considerably outweighed by the special problems and technical needs associated with telecommunications development in general and of this site in particular. The consideration of visual amenity should also be viewed against the clear encouragement given by Government to modern communications as set out in PPG8 and Circular 4/99. It is also considered that the resultant installation would be of significant benefit to the local economy and local communities.

Health Issues

All BT Cellnet sites operate within the safety guidelines set by the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB).

The proposal is designed to take account of NRPB and ICNIRP guidelines on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (EU Council Recommendation 12 July 1999).

The installation would also meet, when operational, the provision of the Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1974, and the Management of Health and Safety at work Regulations 1999. The practical effect of this legislation is to protect the public from established health effects of telecommunications apparatus.

The enforcement of the above legislation is a matter for the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), who refer to the guidelines for restriction produced by the NRPB. Please also refer to the attached **Declaration of Conformity with ICNIRP Public**

Exposure Guidelines ("ICNIRP Declaration") to add weight to the case.

Conclusion

There are therefore no planning reasons to refuse the prior approval based on health grounds. It is also my contention that any issues raised by the planning officer relating to siting and design have also been addressed fully within this submission.

I look forward to hearing from you within the 42 -day period. Should you require any additional information or clarification of any points raised please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Deanna Freeman
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Email: Deanna.freeman@centac-ltd.com

INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY AN APPLICATION

FOR PRIOR APPROVAL DETERMINATION UNDER

PART 24 OF THE GPDO IN RESPECT OF PERMITTED

DEVELOPMENT BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CODE

SYSTEM OPERATORS

1. PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY.

(I) Licence notification i.e. pre rollout of network

Name of LPA contact: **Wokingham District Council**

(ii) On sites in specific cell(s):
Name of LPA contact: **Wokingham District Council**

2A NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT.

Name: **BT Cellnet Ltd**
Northampton Switch Facility
5 Reynoldston Close
Brackmills Industrial Estate
Northampton
Northants NN4 7BX
Tel 01604 795 701

2B AGENT'S NAME, ADDRESS AND CONTACT.

Name: **Centac Ltd**

Address: **Billesley Craft Centre, Iron Gate Farm, Upper Billesley, Stratford Upon Avon,**

Postcode: **CV37 9RH** Tel: **01789 414417**

Contact: **Deanna Freeman MOBILE No: 07866 564046**

2C LOCATION OF PROPOSAL.

Location : **Land adjacent to Rushey Way, Lower Earley, Reading, RG6 3DY.**

2D O.S.SHEET / GRID REFERENCE.

Sheet and grid reference of proposed development.
Sheet:
Grid reference: **475354,170743**

3. PURPOSE OF DEVELOPMENT.

To improve and provide the needed coverage within the area which Is anticipated to experience capacity Issues In the near future.

4. THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE. (Please enclose a site plan and indicate details of cell boundaries, and whether shared mast / tower or free standing).

(i) Type of structure: **Street furniture Column**
Overall height: **10 m**
Height of existing building: **N/A**

(ii) Equipment housing

1400mm x 3750mm x 1500mm

(iii) Materials (as Applicable):tower/mast etc:-type of material & external colour

Street furniture column – grey or colour to be suggested by LPA

Equipment Housing: - type of material and external colour

Equipment cabinet – grey or colour to be suggested by LPA

(iv) Location of and distance to nearest residential or commercial property:- approx. **40 m**

5. DISTANCE FROM AIRFIELD OR AERODROME.
Please tick as appropriate

Will the structure be within 3 km of an aerodrome or airfield	YES	NO√
Has the Civil Aviation Authority or Secretary of State for Defence (as appropriate) been notified	YES	NO√

Signed:

Deanna Freeman On behalf of BT Cellnet Ltd
17/08/01

BTcellnet

Declaration of Conformity with ICNIRP Public Exposure Guidelines ("ICNIRP Declaration")

BT Cellnet
260 Bath Road
Slough
SL1 4DX

Certifies that the proposed equipment and installation as detailed in the attached planning / GPDO application at:

(Address)...**Proposed radio base station on land adjacent to Rushey Way, Lower Earley, Reading, RG6 3DY.**
.....
.....
.....

is designed to be in full compliance with the requirements of the radio frequency (RF) public exposure guidelines of the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), as expressed in EU Council recommendation of 12 July 1999 * "on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz)".

* Reference: 1999/519/EC

Date: .....17th August 2001.....

Signed: .....

Name: ...Deanna Freeman.....

Position: ...Planning Consultant Centac Ltd.....

BTcellnet

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION v1.0

Site details

Site Name	Lower Earley	Site Address	Land adjacent to Rushey Way, Lower Earley, Reading, RG6 3DY
Site Ref Number	17575	Date	
Site Type[1]	Street Furniture	17/08/01	

Pre Application Check list

1. Date of last pre-rollout information submission to LPA	9/99
2. Name of LPA contact	Unknown
3. Comments None	

4. Date of written offer of pre-application consultation with LPA	17/05/01& 30/07/01	
5. Was there pre-application contact with the LPA	yes *	no
6. Date of pre-application contact with LPA	await response to second prelim	
7. Name of LPA contact		
Outcome Await prelim response to second prelim. Initial comments were very negative and based on proximity of proposal to existing housing.		

8. Was an LPA mast register used to check for suitable sites by the operator or the LPA?	yes	no *
9. if no explain why None available.		
10. Was the industry site database checked for suitable sites by the operator?	yes *	no
11. if no explain why		

[1] Macro or micro

12. Reason(s) why site required eg coverage, upgrade, capacity (map attached if required)

coverage and capacity.

Site selection process – alternative sites considered and not chosen

Site[2]	Site Name and address	NGR	Reason for not choosing[3]
Street Works	**Junction of Gipsey Lane and Rushey Way**	**NGR SU 75827 70934**	**The site selected was considered more appropriate in planning and technical terms**
Street Works	**Land adjacent to Kilnsea Drive, opp Felixstowe Close**	**NGR SU 75717 70493**	**The site selected was considered more appropriate in planning and technical terms**

If no alternative site options have been investigated, please explain why

[2] ETS - *Existing Telecomm site*, ES - *Existing Structure*, RT - *Roof Top*, GF - *Greenfield*
[3] SP - Site Provider, RD - Redevelopment Not Possible, T - Technical Difficulties, P – Planning O – Other

Technical information

1. ICNIRP Declaration attached		yes *	no
2. Frequency	2000 mhz		
3. Modulation characteristics[4]	QPSK		
4. Power output	52dbm		
5. Height of antenna (m above ground level)	10m		

Reasons for choice of design
Considered most appropriate in terms of minimising impact on the surrounding area.

Additional relevant information
Refer to covering letter.

For further information, please contact

Name	Deanna Freeman	Telephone	01789 414417
Operator	BT Cellnet	Fax no	01789 415539
Address	Billesley Craft Centre, Iron Gate Farm, Upper Billesley, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 9RH	Email address	Deanna.freeman@centac-ltd.com
Signed		Date	17/08/01
Position	Planning Consultant	Company (on behalf of the above operator)	Centac Ltd

[4] The modulation method employed in GSM is GMSK (Gaussian Minimum Shift Keying) which is a form of Phase Modulation.
The modulation method employed in UMTS is QPSK (Quad Phase Shift Keying) which is another form of Phase Modulation.

SITE NOTICE

Under Part 24 of Schedule 2 to the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995

Proposed Development at	**Land adjacent to Rushey Way, Lower Earley, Reading, RG6 3DY**

I give Notice that **Centact Ltd** On behalf of: **BT Cellnet Ltd**

is applying to **Wokingham District Council**

under paragraph A.2(4A) of Part 24 of Schedule 2 to the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 for its determination as to whether the prior approval of the authority will be required to the siting and appearance of:

10m high street furniture column and associated cabinet equipment

Under Part 24 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, **Wokingham District Council** is allowed 42 days beginning with the date of the application to consider whether prior approval will be required to the siting and appearance of the development proposed and, if so, to give or refuse such approval and to serve that decision upon the applicant.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application and accompanying plans at:

Wokingham District Council, Environmental Services Department, Planning Services, PO Box 157, Shute End, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 1WR.

Individuals and organisations wishing to make representations about the siting and appearance of the proposed development are invited to forward their views in writing no later than **10th September 2001** to:
Wokingham District Council, Environmental Services Department, Planning Services, PO Box 157, Shute End, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 1WR.
Clearly stating that the comments are being forwarded in relation to the proposed development of a ground based mast at :

Land adjacent to Rushey Way, Lower Earley, Reading, RG6 3DY.

Signed:

On behalf of: BT Cellnet

Dated: **19/08/01**

Received by Wokingham District Council

Application No: TL/2001/4651

PROPOSAL:
Proposed erection of one 10 metre telecommunications mast and associated equipment cabin

LOCATION:
Land Adjacent To Underpass Laurel Park, Rushey Way, Lower Earley, Reading.

The application is available for inspection at the locations & during the times detailed below:

WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL, PLANNING RECEPTION, SHUTE END, WOKINGHAM between 8.30 - 5.00 Monday - Thursday & 8.30 - 4.00 Friday. (TEL: (0118) 974 6428)
OR
WOODLEY LIBRARY, HEADLEY ROAD, WOODLEY between 9.30am - 7.00pm Mon, Thurs & Fri. 9.30am - 5.00pm Tues, 9.30am - 1.00pm Saturday and 1.00pm - 4.00pm Sunday. (closed all day Wednesday). If you intend to view this application at Woodley Library please allow 4 days from the date of this letter for delivery of plans and remember to take this letter with you or quote application number TL/2001/4651 to enable the library staff to locate the correct information.
OR
EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL, RADSTOCK HOUSE, RADSTOCK LANE, EARLEY between 9.00am – 1.00pm & 2.00pm – 4.30pm Monday to Friday. (TEL: (0118) 986 8995)

Comments should be sent in writing QUOTING THE APPLICATION NUMBER to the Case Officer Joss Miller P.O. Box 157 Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham Berkshire, RG40 1WR to arrive on or before 14/09/2001. Written comments submitted will become available for public inspection.

In view of the very large number of planning applications and letters of comment received, it will not be possible for an individual reply to be issued to observations made. However any comments will be taken into account when the application is determined and you will be notified of the decision.

Head of Planning and Transportation

22 August 2001

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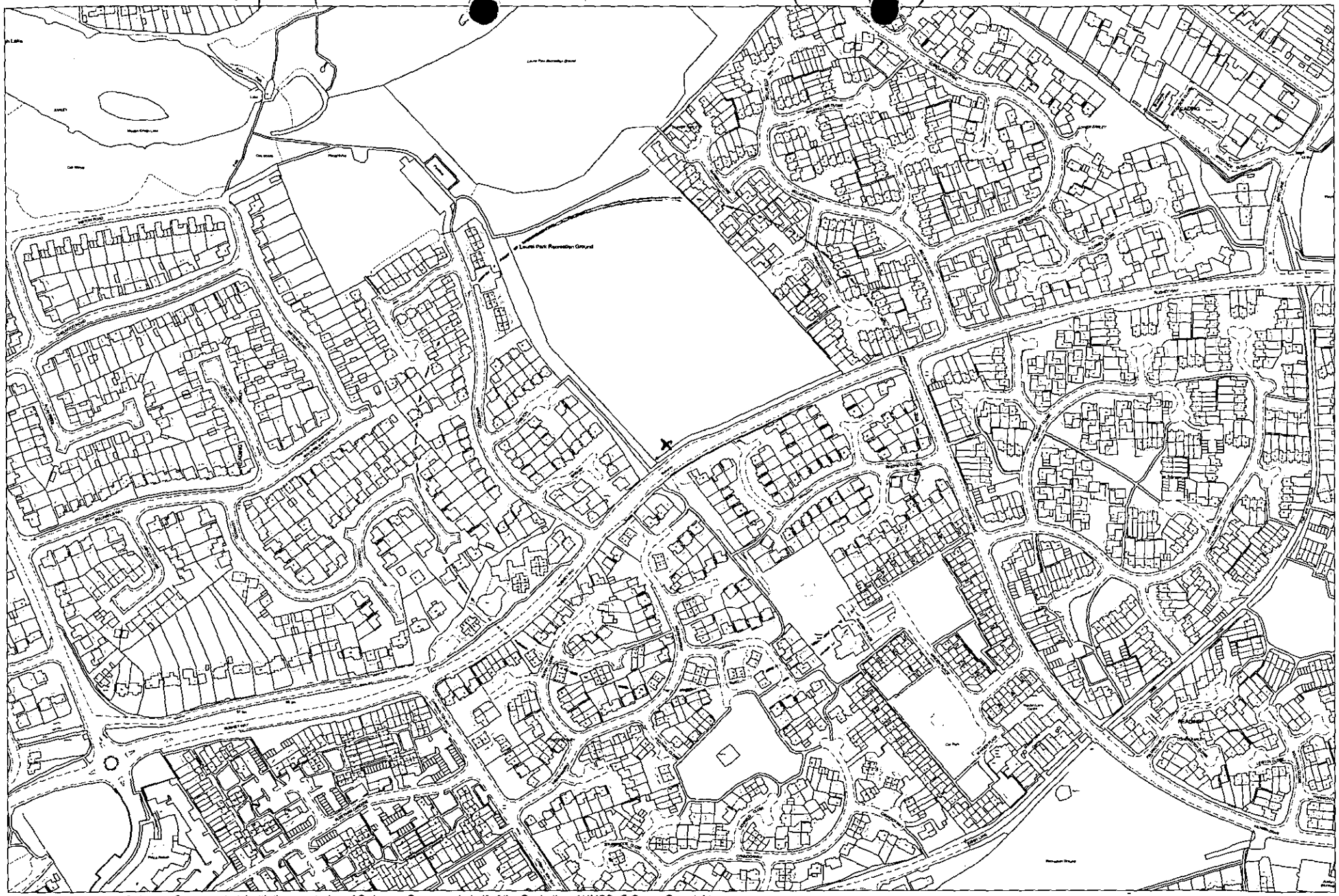

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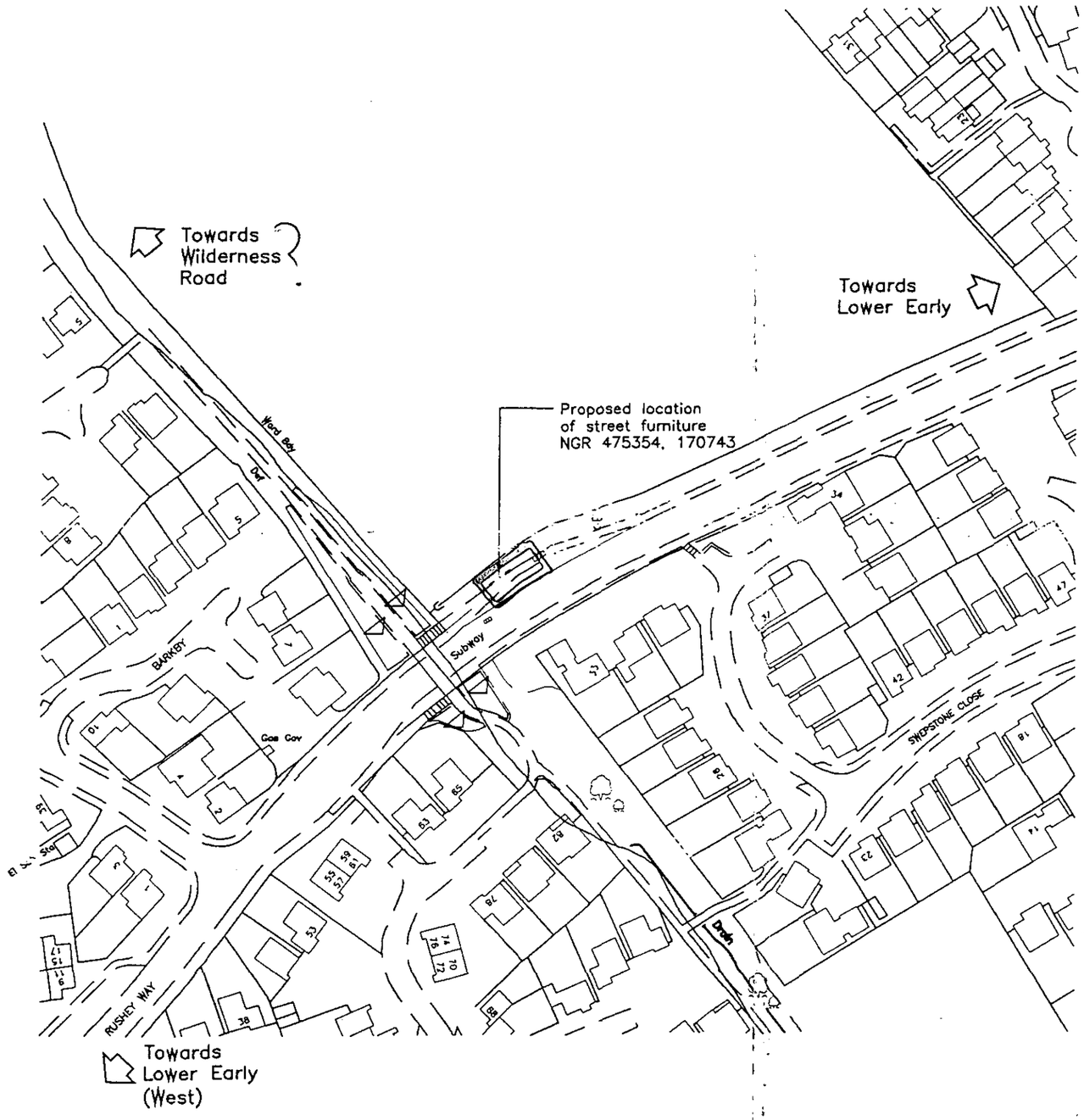

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Client:
BTcellnet

Site Address:
RUSHEY WAY
LOWER EARLY
READING
RG6 3DY

Cell Name:	Cell No.
LOWER EARLY	17575

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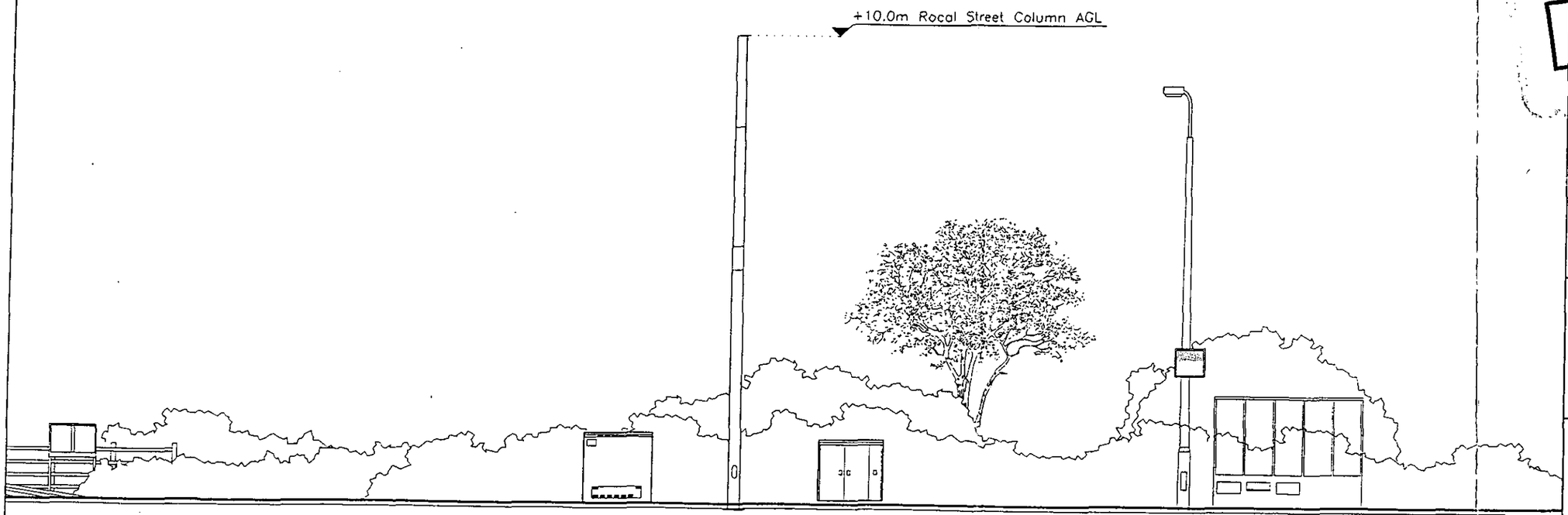

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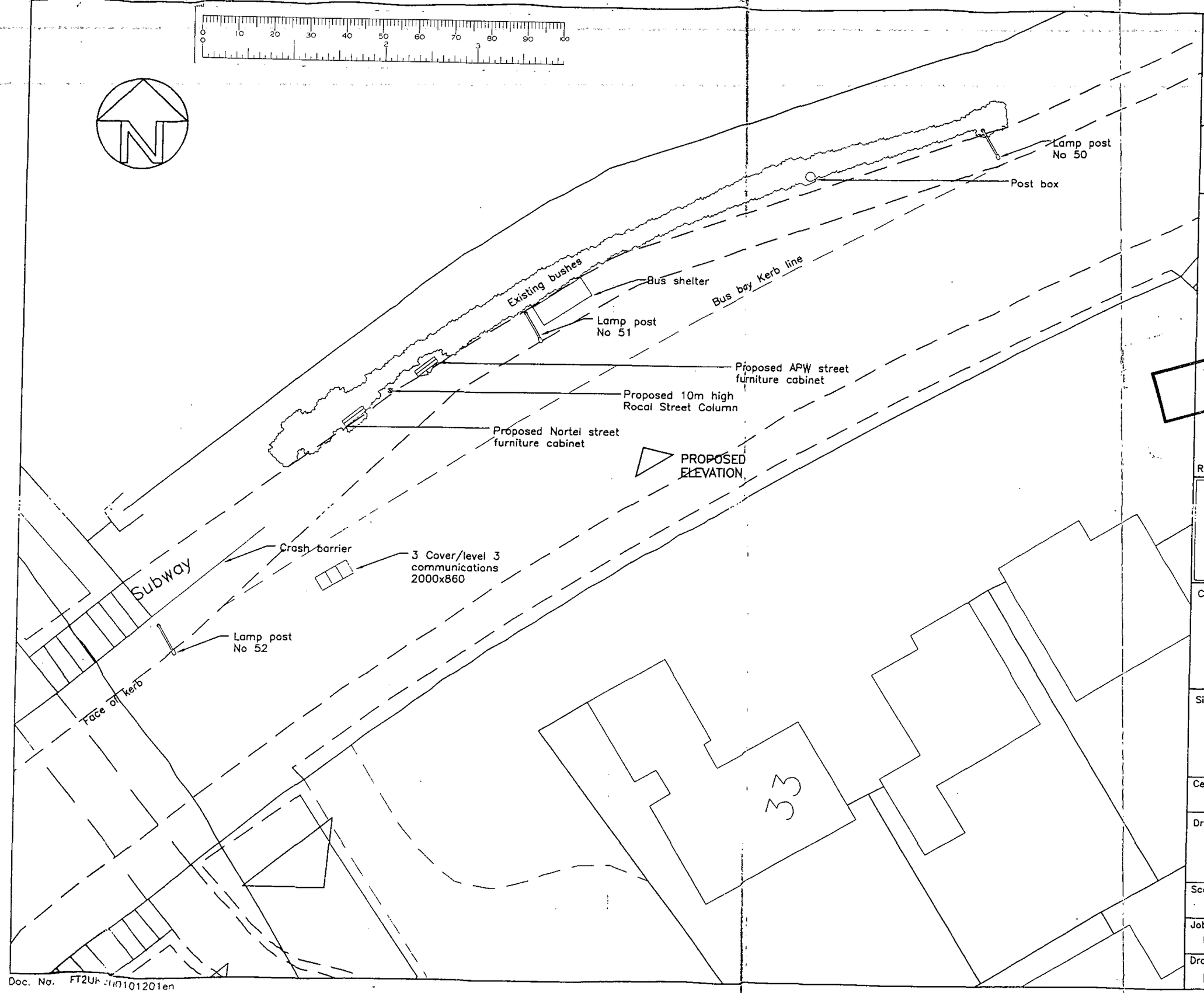

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Location of Planning Application



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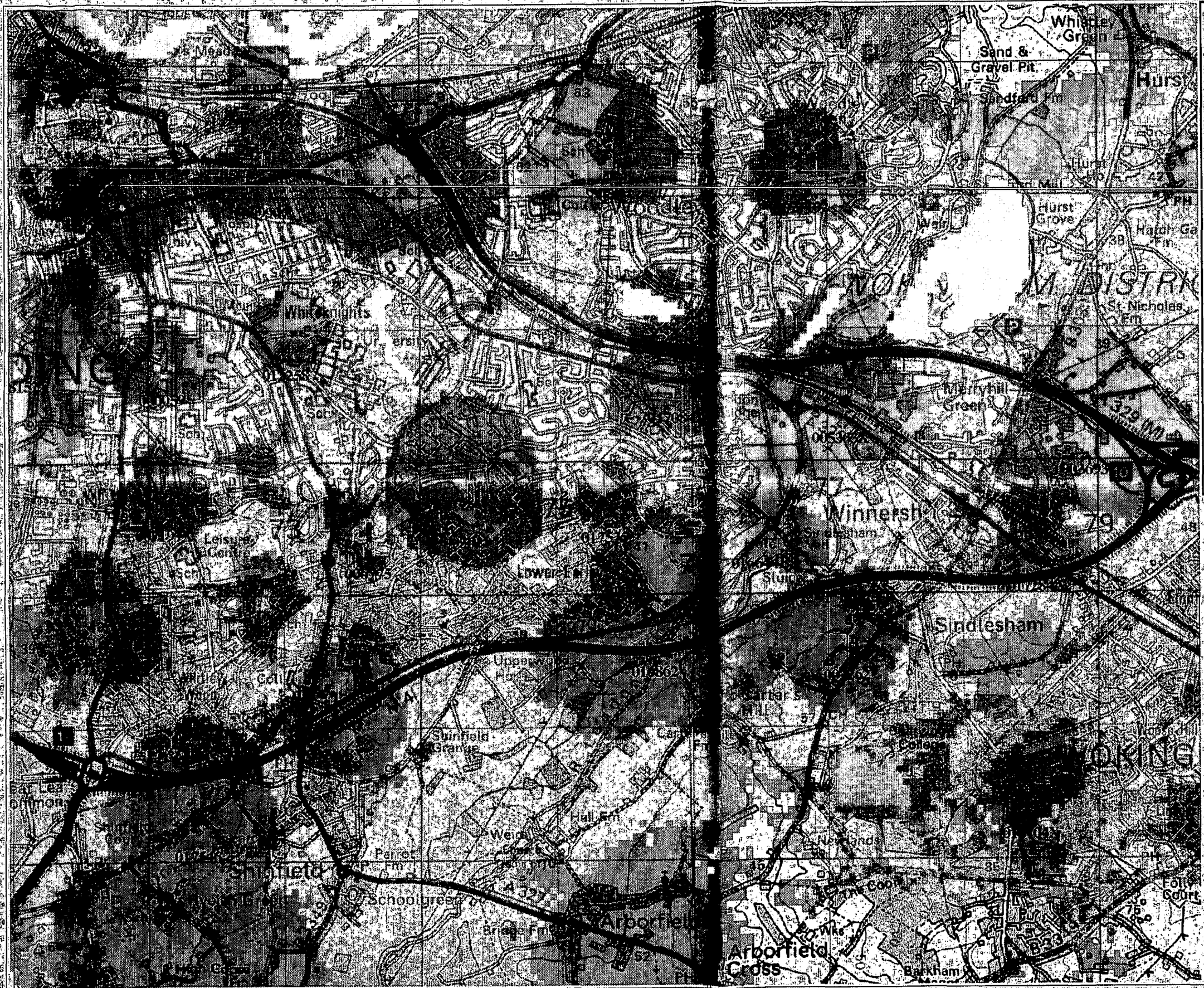

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Clutter

- Water

Vectors

- Coast
- Motorway
- A-road
- B-road
- Minor_road
- Railway
- Railway_(tunnelled)

Best Server (Classes)

- Gold On Street [>= -78 (dBm)]
- Gold In Car [>= -72 (dBm)]
- Gold In-B Suburban [>= -68 (dBm)]
- Gold In-B Urban [>= -60 (dBm)]

CELL 17575

GSM900 FUTURE COVERAGE

OPERATIONAL SITES + ALL PLANNED SITES

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ANGLIA REGION - ZONE2
RADIO DESIGN AND PLANNING

BTcellnet


Whiteley Green
Sand & Gravel Pit
Hurst
Woodley Green
Sandford Fm
Hurst Grove
Hatch Gate Fm
Whiteknights
St Nicholas Fm
Marryhill Green
Loddon Bridge
Vinnersh
Sindlesham
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Upperwood
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Hall Fm
Parrot Fm
Shinfield
Reed Bridge
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Cemetery



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Clutter
Water

Vectors
Coast
Motorway
A-road
B-road
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Railway
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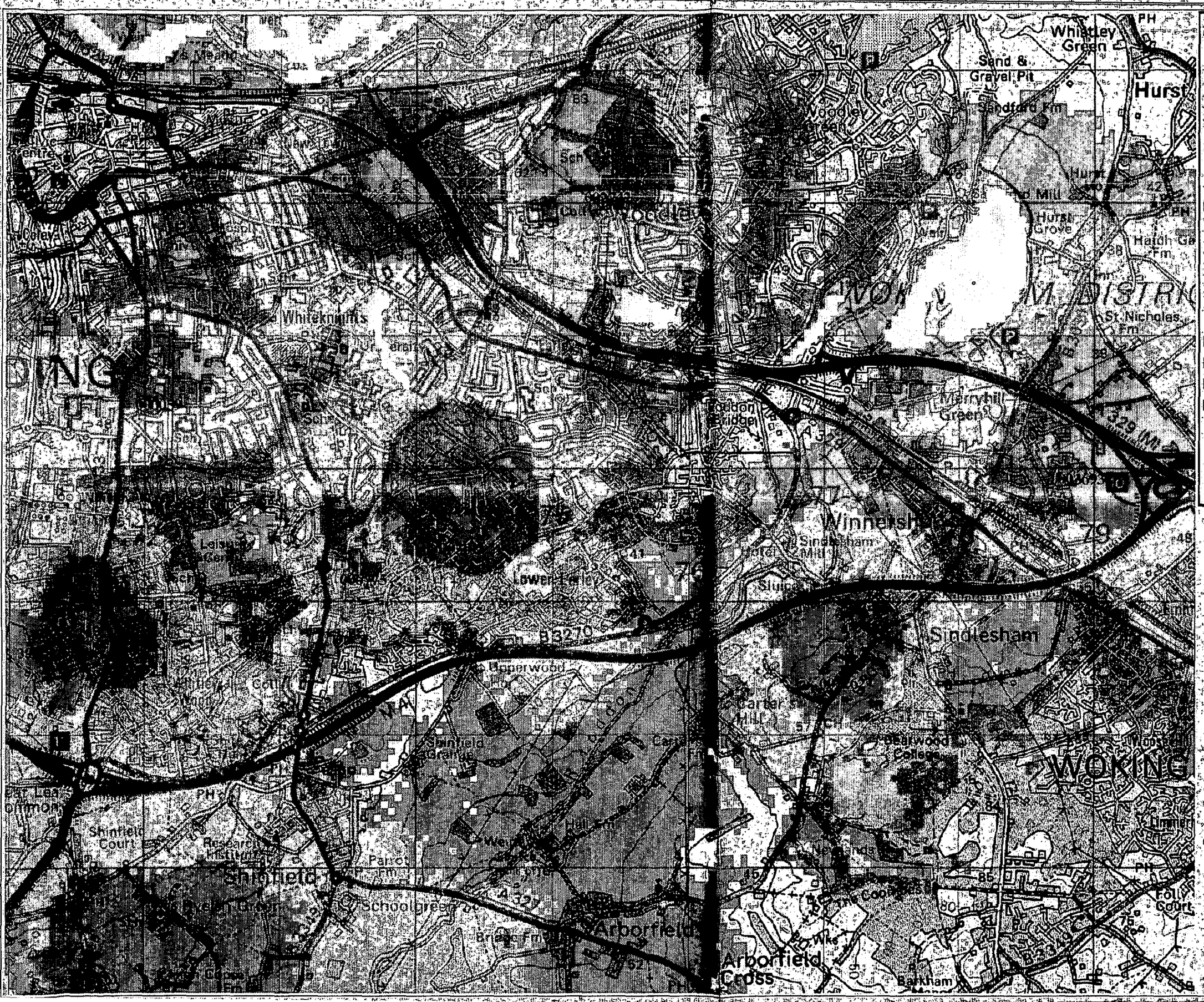

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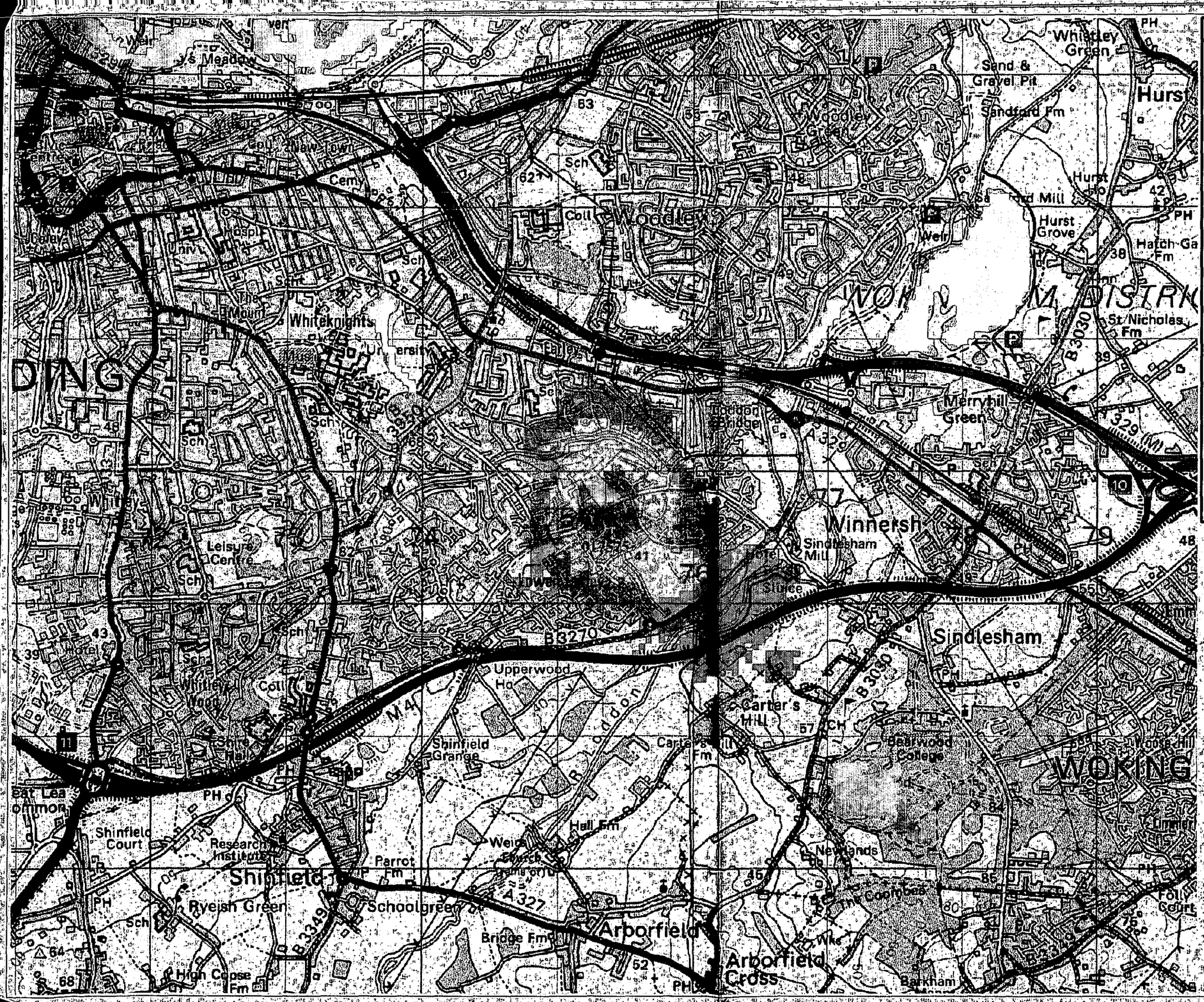

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