



COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL

OBJECTION TO 5G MAST 3/21/0852/PNTEL

Colehill Parish Council strongly object to the 'prior approval' application 3/21/0852/PNTEL and would also like to raise a number of concerns with the consultation process:

1. Adverse Impact on the Proposed Area

We believe the proposed mast position will adversely impact what is an iconic location for our village. This is the only open greenspace at the centre of our village, so acts in effect as our village green with items important for our village heritage positioned here including our parish centenary sign, a time capsule and a parish map which acted as the focal point for floral tributes when Prince Philip died. The site is designated for the proclamation to be read when HM The Queen dies and floral tributes will be laid at that corner.

Everything on that corner is currently low level, the bulk of the proposed mast and cabinets is too great for the small site, and the design not sympathetic to the semi-rural and greenbelt nature of the surrounding area.



2. Proximity to a Busy Junction

The proposed mast site is immediately adjacent to a busy crossroads, one of the busiest road junctions in our village.

The positioning of four large cabinets up to 1.75m tall and running for 6m alongside the footpath at this junction will be problematic for traffic approaching from either Middlehill Road or Wimborne Road, obscuring other cars from sight.

Children walking or running along the footpath on their way to the nearby school will also be obscured from sight.



3. Impact on other Utility Services

Colehill Parish Council have been repeatedly told by Dorset Highways that we can't make changes to the road junction because of all the utility services buried at this corner.

The proposed mast site lies directly on top of a water main, with two fire hydrant covers in close proximity. There are also underground electricity cables and telephone cables in close proximity under the grass verge.

We believe the appropriate water, electricity and telephone companies should be consulted on the impact of the proposed mast on their underground services.

4. Lack of Consideration of Alternative Sites

The Site Specific Supplementary Information provides insufficient information to understand why 9 other alternative sites identified have been rejected.

We consider most of the alternatives listed to be far preferable to the proposed site.

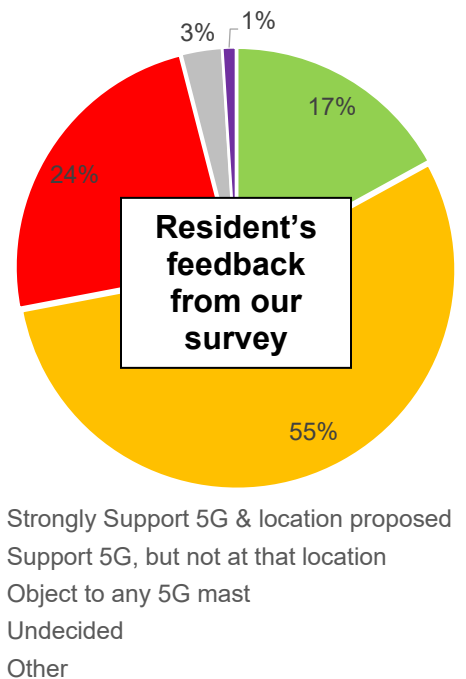
The 'Option 2' site in particular looks to be highly suitable from a community perspective as it's in a rural location with no houses or public footpaths nearby, on the corner of a much quieter junction than the one proposed.

5. Lack of Community Consultation

The company have failed on their commitment to engage with the community. The “Ten Commitments Consultation” they refer to says "All parties should consider engaging with local communities at the pre-application stage... and enable community representatives to inform and influence the proposals."

When we received the pre-consultation notification we conducted a survey of local residents in April 21 which received 373 responses, the vast majority favouring 5G in principle but objecting to the proposed location.

We provided these details to the company, together with constructive feedback suggesting alternative sites that would be preferable and proposing a site visit or zoom call to discuss, but the company have failed to even acknowledge our response.



6. Lack of Consultation with Neighbouring Residential Properties

The application is wrong when it says the proposed site “has been pulled away from nearby residential properties and junctions, preventing any visual obstruction to both residents and road users”. This is not the case, at least 4 residential properties will be in very close proximity with clear line of sight to the proposed location:

- Little House, Smugglers Lane
- The flat above the Post Office, Smugglers Lane
- 2 Lonnen Road
- 1 Middlehill Road

These 4 properties should be consulted on the planning application and given adequate time to respond, however they have not been listed as consultees.

7. Lack of Consultation with Nearby Schools and Community Facilities

The Site Specific Supplementary Information says there are no schools/colleges in close proximity. However St Michael’s Middle School with about 600 pupils lies only about 200m from the proposed site as the crow flies, and most of these children will walk past the proposed location travelling to and from school. We therefore feel the school should be consulted. In addition The Reef Youth and Community Centre also lies about 200m away, and again we feel they should be consulted.