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Dear Mr Oliver,

In reference to your recent letter dated 04/03/09 outlining proposal for a new Vodafone base station installation at Rugby Road, Burbage, reference cell number 35755, please see my objections listed below.

Needless to say I am strongly opposed to such a hideous proposal on a number of grounds. As an existing 3G customer with an alternative network, I see absolutely no need for such an obtrusive installation. Why can't Vodafone utilise an existing mast installation, such as the high tower in Hinckley or other mast sites already present in Burbage, both not too far away as the crow flies? Alternatively why can't Vodafone seek more suitable sites away from residential areas such as alongside nearby A5 or M69 or on existing industrial/office sites. As already mentioned a strong 3G network signal already exists within this area, hence I see as futile the need to erect such an eyesore for which the end gain will probably be minimal.

Obviously the proposed site location is situated in very close proximity to my residence and will undoubtedly unduly affect the view outside the front of my home, especially during sunset. These installations are not pleasant viewing and the prospect of waking up every day to a 12.4m high ugly mast blotting the view is not a pleasant one. This height is significantly higher than the existing mature sycamore trees which line Rugby Road hence the antenna part will protrude significantly above the tree line by some way making it especially visible from front upstairs bedroom windows, not to mention also from a substantial distance. I also sincerely hope that you are not planning to remove any of the existing mature sycamore trees (which have been around for as long as I can remember) as this would be a shocking proposal and will no doubt be a significant obstacle to your planning proposal.

There is also the potential health impact to local residents particularly children with such a proposal. It has been well documented over the years of the possible long term health implications for residents surrounding these like installations with less than conclusive proof that no health risks prevail. As a father of two young children myself, I am very anxious about having such a mast in such close proximity to my family. The proposed location is also a very well used walking route for local school children's walking bus and such activities would no doubt be affected by such proposals.

Can you also guarantee that this installation will not affect any of our currently received signals in particular our wireless broadband connection, as increased site presence is bound to increase signal band competition for such frequencies?

As a non-Vodafone customer I personally stand to gain absolutely nothing from such a hideous installation, not to mention its likely health concerns and without doubt its negative impact on the local visual landscape and the potential consequences such as further lowering already falling house prices. The installation proposal is a dreadful eyesore which should be located well away from residential areas. I sincerely hope that you once again fail with this planning proposal, I shall fight this all the way with vigour and I strongly urge you to reconsider this proposal and seek a more satisfactory site for all concerned away from private residential view.

Yours sincerely

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