

Fw: Planning Application 135908/TEL/2023 Fog Lane proposed mast Didsbury

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To whom it may concern

I own my house at Fog Lane which is very near (less than a five minute walk) to the proposed location of the telephone mast.

I like a lot of the residents in this densely residential area object to the mast being erected. The mast would be an eyesore unsightly 15 meter structure which has no place in our community. A mast already exists in Burnage so why is another mast required so near? Operators share sites and any operator should be limited to erecting new ones where other options are available, especially in a residential area like ours.

I am concerned about the technology and health repercussions of the masts existence to our community. 5G is a new technology and it could be years that some of the detrimental affects are known. Why should we and our community suffer? The applicant has sufficient money to change the location of the mast. The residents should not suffer from healthy conditions for the operators financial gains. Also why is our area being chosen? What is the coverage area proposed of this mast given that a mast already exists in Burnage five minutes drive away from the proposed location? Can't that existing mast be used by the applicant or are we seen as the easy option by the applicant and the Council. Presumably the coverage required for the mast is near? If not and we are on the edge of the coverage (which I understand is the case) then why are other more suitable areas not being looked at? Our area should not be chosen so that this benefits those from a far.

The area of Fog Lane where the mast is proposed is not a commercial area yet there are better commercial locations which would not affect residents that are less than a 10 minute walk away (car

parks at Aldi, near Slug and Lettuce or at School Lane junction). Such mast would not have as detrimental effect in these commercial locations as there are no homes that are near and exposure by the public would be limited by visiting these areas on short term basis rather than having exposure 24 hours 365 days a year in our area. Have other commercial area being considered?

There are no structures (i.e residential homes) in the area that are tall so the mast will stand out considerably, towering over our local area, sticking out and we have no benefit for this ugly white pole. The immediate surrounding area comprises two floor residential buildings with a uniform look being 1920/1930s semi detached and detached houses. People walk down fog lane to the nearby park what will they, like me, think of this monstrosity placed on the pavement? Planning applications need to be considered with the local area in mind and therefore the mast has no place in this vicinity and will be seen from homes all around. This will considerably effect the aesthetics of the area and well-being of individuals who can see it from their homes like I will be able to not just from the front of the house but the back of the house also. 15 meters is a large structure and the drawings submitted highlight the trees and houses being dwarfed by it. The Council need to carefully consider this and minimise the ability of operators locating structures generally in residential areas to protect those residents and visitors. I have lived in the area for almost 20 years and have been proud to reside there given the aesthetics of the homes and the care the community has to keep it a lovely place to live in. That duty extends to Manchester City Council.

I am copying in local councillors so that they are aware of the issues with this application and no doubt my concerns echo those of the other residents in the area.

Regards
Yours sincerely
Angela

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