

Planning application 135908/TEL/2023

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Dear Adam

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I would like to object in the strongest terms to the proposal to build the phone mast at the corner of Cranmer Road and Fog Lane, Didsbury. I live not far from the planned site on Fog Lane and am very unhappy with the application.

To begin with, the location of the site appears to be on the footpath and therefore poses an obstruction for pedestrians as well as being adjacent to the house on the corner of Cranmer Road. At a height of 15m+ the mast would sit well above the surrounding properties, trees and street lamps and therefore cannot possibly be described as offering, according to the applicant, 'a better fit within the local community and immediate street scape'. Its position therefore seems grossly intrusive. As far as I can see the applicants have either not understood their own plans or not visited the road.

Our local community of streets around the site of the mast is generally a mix of mostly Victorian and 1920's and 1930s properties with mature gardens. The roads are often tree lined and so the existence of such a prominent artificial feature would be at odds with the natural topological features as well as affecting the skyline. The mast would be ungainly to say the least and, because of its visual dominance and industrial design, would result in an alien intrusion into a gentle suburban environment.

I am not against the need to provide a better communications network but am puzzled as to why this location, and the other proposed sites, seem to all be set in similar residential areas. In visiting a few other masts of similar design I notice that all are located in what appears to be near more commercial sites, on more open or unused land, and much further away from the nearest house or school. I therefore expect this planning proposal to be rejected.

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