

135908/TEL/2023 - Telephone Mast Didsbury Appeal

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Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to urge you to reject planning application number **135908/TEL/2023** (installing a radio mast on the corner of Fog Lane and Cranmer Road.)

While I recognise the importance of digital connectivity in general, it is not clear to me that this location is the best fit for the intended outcome. If you look at the plans submitted as part of the proposal, we are half a mile away from the developer's preferred location, at the edge of the coverage area that the mast is intended to improve. If coverage is the intent, why put it in a suboptimal location?

I understand that the council is required to first consider and examine commercial locations or locations that are less residential first but I cannot find any evidence that this has happened. Could you please explain why other, more commercial locations (in a car park, for example), have not been considered (or, if they have and this information is missing, why they have been rejected)?

I am also curious to understand the true impact of this mast: how tall will the mast and stand together be?

I appreciate that everybody is trying their best and there is pressure to just get things done, but I urge you to take the time now to find the best solution for the long term. If we want good coverage then let's find the best place so we don't have the same issues further down the line.

In all likelihood nobody is a huge lover of these ugly masts (are you?). I honestly don't see why any of us should have to sacrifice beauty in our surroundings when a commercial, less impactful location, is available. I urge you to choose a better place.

Sincerely,

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