

Objection to 135908/TEL/2023 - installation of a 15m high telecoms mast at Cranmer Road/Fog Lane

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to **object to planning application 135908/TEL/2023** (installing a radio mast on the corner of Cranmer Road and Fog Lane, Manchester, M20 6AW) and to request that you reject this application to place the mast at this proposed location.

I've taking the opportunity to review the documentation associated with the application available on the [manchester.gov.uk planning website](#), specifically the [site specific supplementary information](#).

On page four of the site specific supplementary information it states "*Proposed location of a new mast shown above will assimilate well into the immediate street scene and not be detrimental.*" I am owner and resident at 46 Fog Lane, and currently have a wonderful unrestricted view down Cranmer Road to the trees of Fog Lane Park, and can assure you that a 15m high telecommunications mast will absolutely be detrimental to the immediate street scene. Aside from that, the many pedestrians who enjoy passing down this stretch of road including dog walkers on their way to Fog Lane Park, and school children on the way to Beaver Road Primary School, will also be impacted daily.

Along this theme, I note on page 2 that only Didsbury Village Day Nursery School has been consulted - why not Beaver Road Primary, as many children will pass by the site on their way to school?

On page four the site description then goes on to state: "*The proposed site option is considered the best available compromise between extending 5G service across the target 'coverage hole' with the selected street works pole height and associated antenna and ground-based cabinets restricted to the minimum height which is capable of providing the required essential coverage.*" The Cranmer Road/Fog Lane location is at the very edge of the 'coverage hole' shown on page 6 and is half a mile away from the ideal target search areas shown in yellow on the map. The proposed location is located far from the developers preferred location and at the very edge of the coverage area the mast is intended to improve. This suboptimal location would therefore have a limited impact on the problem that it is intended to solve and would be far more effective in a location which is closer to the coverage gap.

On page 8 it summarises the other four locations that have been considered and rejected for a variety of reasons, including "*visibility splay issues*" and "*residential area*" - both of which apply to the Cranmer Road/Fog Lane site being proposed.

I understand that the council is required to first consider and examine commercial locations first, but can't see any commercial sites listed in the application. Could you please explain why a

commercial location such as a car park (such as near the Aldi or Slug and Lettuce in Didsbury Village; or near the tram or train line stops) hasn't been considered?

The plans state that the total height of the mast will be 15m, could you please confirm that the total height of the total (including base and stand mounting) is less than 15m, as I understand a separate process is required if it is taller than this.

While I recognise the importance of digital connectivity, the location proposed is suboptimal and will have a detrimental impact on our residential area and all who use the area due to our proximity to the beautiful Fog Lane Park. Please reject the proposed location of this mast at Cranmer Road/Fog Lane and request that the developers place it closer to the 'coverage gap' identified in the coverage map, and in a more commercial location.

Yours sincerely,

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