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Dear Sir,

Eastern Road SW, Havant, PO9 2QZ

Application to determine whether prior approval is required for telecommunications cell site and compound to include installation of a 17.5m monopole, shrouded antennas, 3No. cabinets and development ancillary thereto.

Thank you for consulting the Highway Authority on the above planning application.

The applicant is proposing to construct a telecommunications site with associated infrastructure on the footpath located on the southern side of Eastern Road. Whilst the facilities are located towards the back of the path, the works would significantly reduce the width available for pedestrians to pass. No dimensions have been provided on the proposed site plan but it does not appear that sufficient width would be provided for two pedestrians to pass, forcing them out into the highway which forms part of the signposted cycle route between Havant and Emsworth.

Eastern Road links to the crossing point over the railway line between Third Avenue and is also utilised by school children, meaning the footway is in regular use by pedestrians. Any infrastructure which restricts the available width of the path would obstruct these trips and would therefore be contrary to NPPF paragraph 109 and 110.

The applicant should re-consider the location of the proposed facilities so that they are not located in an area which would restrict the available width for pedestrians to pass

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and result in an unacceptable impact on highway safety.

The Highway Authority therefore objects to the proposed development for the following reason:

The proposed development is contrary to NPPF paragraph 109 which states development should be refused if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety and paragraph 110 paragraphs A and B which addresses the needs of people with disabilities and reduced mobility against new development.

Reason: The proposed infrastructure obstructs and limits the available width of the footpath, resulting in an unacceptable impact on highway safety and vulnerable road users.

Yours sincerely,

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