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Objection to Proposed 15 m High Monopole Tower Opposite 65 St John's Avenue, Waterlooville PO7 5QZ
(Reference: A) APP/22/00471 (PP-11305651), dated 07 Jun 2022

Dear Sirs,

With respect to the application, referenced above, I note that the site proposed is illustrated to be at the Southeast corner of the St John's Avenue "Open Space", as shown in map that was generated by *CK Hutchison Networks UK Limited* to support the application, as shown in the following figure, to which I have highlighted the Green Space and the proposed Mast Location opposite the Bungalow at No 65, St John's Avenue.



Figure 1 Site Map from the Planning Application (Ref A) (*with highlight added*)

This designated "Open Space" was identified in the *Havant Borough Townscape, Landscape and Seascape Character Assessment*, dated February 2007, that noted that *"the existing areas of bungalows should be maintained and avoidance of redevelopment which will degrade the open character of these roads, for example around St John's Avenue"* and *"Elevated open areas increase the sense of openness as at St John's Avenue."* A 15 m Communications Tower located at the proposed location would be incongruous and at that height, or possibly higher, would undoubtedly appear to loom over the adjacent low-lying Bungalows.

The Planning Application notes consideration of some alternative sites for the Communications Tower, such as Alameda Road, Crown Close and other locations in St John's Avenue but dismisses those as "too close to housing" and suggest that *"Safety Guidelines would not be met."* However, the proposed location could be considered to suffer the same limitations, being at the lowest Contour Height in that location, and is in close proximity to a number of Bungalows, opposite. The additional noise from the proposed installation of three Control Cabinets fitted with multiple Cooling Fans that operate 24 hours per day, such as the ones located on Stakes Road, that can be heard over half a mile away, does not appear to have been included in the Environmental Impact Statement.

In the final paragraph of the Planning Application, it states, *"to ensure continued coverage for the area due to the requirement to remove the existing mast serving the area"* but the Planning Application does not address why the applicant cannot *"update the existing infrastructure"* as suggested in the government Press Release issued by the *Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport* on 07 March 2022.

Please take this letter as my Formal Objection against the referenced Planning Application being approved.

Yours faithfully,

