

FAO Ms Victoria Robinson

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Dear Madam

Mast proposal: Panning Reference No 2016/01274/PNT

We are writing to register our strong objection to the above Planning Application for the proposed Vodaphone Mobile phone mast at the Bull Cliff site near the Golden Stairs.

As residents within sight and walking distance of the proposed mast site we did not receive notification by the Vale of Glamorgan Council of this planning proposal. There was a short public notice on a lamppost at the end of Marine Drive indicating proposed "telephone pole" and not a mast with antennae and satellite dishes.

Having viewed the planning proposal on line, our overall reaction to this planning proposal is not favourable due to the following reasons:-

1. Environmental Impact on Conservation area and Heritage Coastal Path

The area on Marine Drive to Bulls Point and the public pathways to the Golden Stairs is one of beauty all year round. This is an open space enjoyed by many and part of a coastal walk into a conservation area. A mast station sited here will have an environmental impact in terms of closeness to public pathways, conservation areas, houses as well as imposing an "industrial" construction in an area that has been maintained as an unspoilt green space. We do not have many unspoilt areas in Barry to boast about. In fact, this is about the only one left along the coastal area of Barry.

2. Extra mobile coverage unnecessary

There is ambiguity in this proposal in relation to the height of the mast (12metres) and surrounding trees with the mast dwarfing the tree heights. The height of the mast and additional antennae and dishes will have an impact on the visual outlook of this headland for both surrounding area and the Bristol Channel. Also, it's worth noting that from the map mobile phone coverage is 50% into the Bristol Channel. As residents in this area our mobile telephone coverage at 4G is more than adequate and does not need additional mast coverage. Boosters in the home for Vodaphone customers overcomes the necessity for a mast.

3. Location and noise pollution near houses

It is not obvious from the plans that the site is very close to nearby houses. Low frequency

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microwave emissions, underlying humming from the generators cooling fans are all established facts associated with mast installations. Research into health implications is still unclear however the House of Commons Report refers to the Stewart Report 2000 which indicates "precautionary planning" to siting masts. Underwriting of public liability to cover potential legal challenges in the future is implied in relation to security, safety and potential health issues of siting a mobile mast close to homes.

4. Establishment of vehicle access.

From the plans access to the mast station appears to be via a "track" across the grass from Marine Drive and in front of the houses. How "temporary" is temporary and does this planning proposal establish the likelihood of permanent vehicle access? This is a green space and should remain so.

The Vale Council does have a moral if not legal duty to preserve environment and amenities for healthy lifestyles for now and future generations. Please refer to the legislation Wellbeing and future generations Wales Act 2015.

We strongly urge for the above reasons that this application is refused by the Vale of Glamorgan on behalf of us, our environment and our community.

Thanking you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

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