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2016/5584/P	Jessica Learmond-Criqui	14A Redington Road London NW3 7RG	24/10/2016 01:14:09	OBJNOT	<p>We would request refusal of these phone masts. Hampstead is a conservation area. The height and bulk of these masts and associated equipment detracts from the character and heritage of this area.</p> <p>The streets in this conservation area are characterised by buildings which are devoid of visual clutter. Residents are watchful of attempts to add clutter to the buildings and make vociferous objections against such intentions. The conservation area is an area of natural and architectural beauty. Hampstead station itself is a building of historic interest.</p> <p>The height and size of the masts and their equipment is disconsonant with these characteristics of the conservation area and will irreversibly damage the streetscene.</p> <p>The size of the mast and its need to be on the roof means that there is no scope for landscaping or screening to hide the impact of this bulk on the surroundings.</p> <p>It is not right to say that the area is not well covered by Vodafone coverage. If you look at http://maps.ofcom.org.uk/check-coverage/ and put in the postcode nw3 7rg and look at Hampstead station, you will see that it is well covered for 3G and 4G coverage. There are health hazards with the proliferation of phone masts. While mobile operators will say that they are within UK guidelines, the fact remains that the World Health Organisation has classed mobile phone masts as “possibly carcinogenic”.</p> <p>These masts and their equipment is within yards of at least 3 schools. It is also opposite an area which is regularly used by many mothers and toddlers who take this route into schools in the mornings and home again in the afternoons.</p>
