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#### CONSTANT BODY RADIATION EXPOSURE

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#### POSSIBLE CARCINOGEN & UNKNOWN HEALTH EFFECTS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY

According to the World Health Organisation's website:  
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The Stewart Report provides information on the interaction of radiofrequency fields with tissues. It examines epidemiological (human health) studies, research on cells in culture, experimental animals as well as on volunteers, and concerns about the use of mobile phones. It also describes the operation of mobile phones and reviews recommendations on exposure standards for RF radiation.

A precautionary approach has been recommended by Sir William Stewart of the UK's own Health Protection Agency. As cited from The Stewart Report:

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6.39 There are additional factors that need to be taken into account in assessing any possible health effects. Populations as a whole are not genetically homogeneous and people can vary in their susceptibility to environmental hazards. There are well-established examples in the literature of the genetic predisposition of some groups, which could influence sensitivity to disease. There could also be a dependence on age. We conclude therefore that it is not possible at present to say that exposure to RF radiation, even at levels below national guidelines, is totally without potential adverse health effects, and that the gaps in knowledge are sufficient to justify a precautionary approach.

6.40 In the light of the above considerations we recommend that a precautionary approach to the use of mobile phone technologies be adopted until much more detailed and scientifically robust information on any health effects becomes available. We further recommend that national and local government, industry and the consumer should all become actively involved in addressing concerns about possible health effects of mobile phones.

Allowing yet another antennae to be erected within the Camden Borough and within close proximity to hundreds of homes, schools and businesses is not a precautionary approach.

#### VULNERABLE GROUPS

The Stewart Report also discusses 'sensitive' groups that may be more susceptible to radiation absorption. These groups include schoolchildren who are more vulnerable to potential health effects due to longer cumulative radiation exposure and thinner skulls. As cited from The Stewart Report:

“1.53...children may be more vulnerable because of their developing nervous system, the greater absorption of energy in the tissues of the head and a longer lifetime of exposure”

Hampstead Village has a large concentration of primary and secondary schools with some schools located within minutes of the Hampstead Underground Station. With the World Health Organisation stating mobile radiation as a possible carcinogen, telecom antennas cannot be guaranteed to be safe over long periods of time.

#### POTENTIAL FUTURE COMPENSATION & INSURANCE

Does CTIL have sufficient insurance to cover any ill effects from the microwave emissions from their antenna? Has Camden Borough Council sufficiently investigated this? Surely, the council have a duty of care to their residents to safeguard against any future negative financial consequences and any potential compensation claims due to ill health or suffering because of the microwave emissions from the antenna.

There is no guarantee there will be insurance compensation should long term radiation exposure begin

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to affect the health of Hampstead residents. In 2015, it was evidenced that Lloyd's of London underwriters, CFC Underwriting Ltd, declined to underwrite insurance coverage for claims associated with illnesses caused by continuous long term non-ionising radiation exposure and this was considered standard market practise. If radiation from antennas truly posed no threat to human health, insurance companies would not need to protect their business from this potential future issue.

Although there has been some research relating to the heating mechanism of radiation, the understanding of microwave radiation on a human biological level is still in its infancy. The incoming scientific data regarding the hazards of radiation is slowly stacking up, however, we need to minimise the growing number of antennas erected in our neighbourhood to reduce the constant daily radiation exposure in our environment, the same way society has learned to reduce exposure to second hand tobacco smoke.

#### PROFITS OVER PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS

There are historical lessons to be learnt from the long term exposure of asbestos and tobacco smoking. The first medical report to link negative health to smoking occurred in the early 1900's, but it took over 90 years for irrefutable scientific evidence and a change in mainstream public opinion to influence government legislation and public policies. Unfortunately, thousands of lives and families have been devastated by poor health and death due to tobacco smoke, whilst companies raked in the financial benefits of commercial profits at the expense of human health. It is crucial to avoid repeating the mistakes of public health officials slow to recognise the dangers of asbestos, tobacco smoking and possible carcinogens from new technology.

Our human bodies are resilient and capable of repairing itself from external damage, such as medical x-ray exposure, however, our bodies are NOT designed to handle constant, cumulative radiation exposure on a daily basis, with ever increasing radiation from various sources.

#### SUMMARY

It is unfair for the community of Hampstead to be exposed to potentially carcinogenic radiation whilst companies stand to benefit from financial profits. I have the right not to be exposed to radiation against my will. Using the precautionary principle, I respectfully ask you to turn down this application and to consider the unknown long term radiation exposure of young school children, workers and residents living and working in Hampstead within meters of the Hampstead Underground Station.

Yours sincerely,

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