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Antenna Information for Council planners

General Information Document

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Antenna Coverage and Design – Camden Planners Questions

London Borough of Camden Planners Antenna Questions

Questions have been asked by Camden Planners in regard to antenna deployment, design and use as follows.

1. Camden do not believe that antennas cannot operate horizontally. Could you explain why antennas are not installed horizontally, and the ramifications if we were to adopt such a configuration?

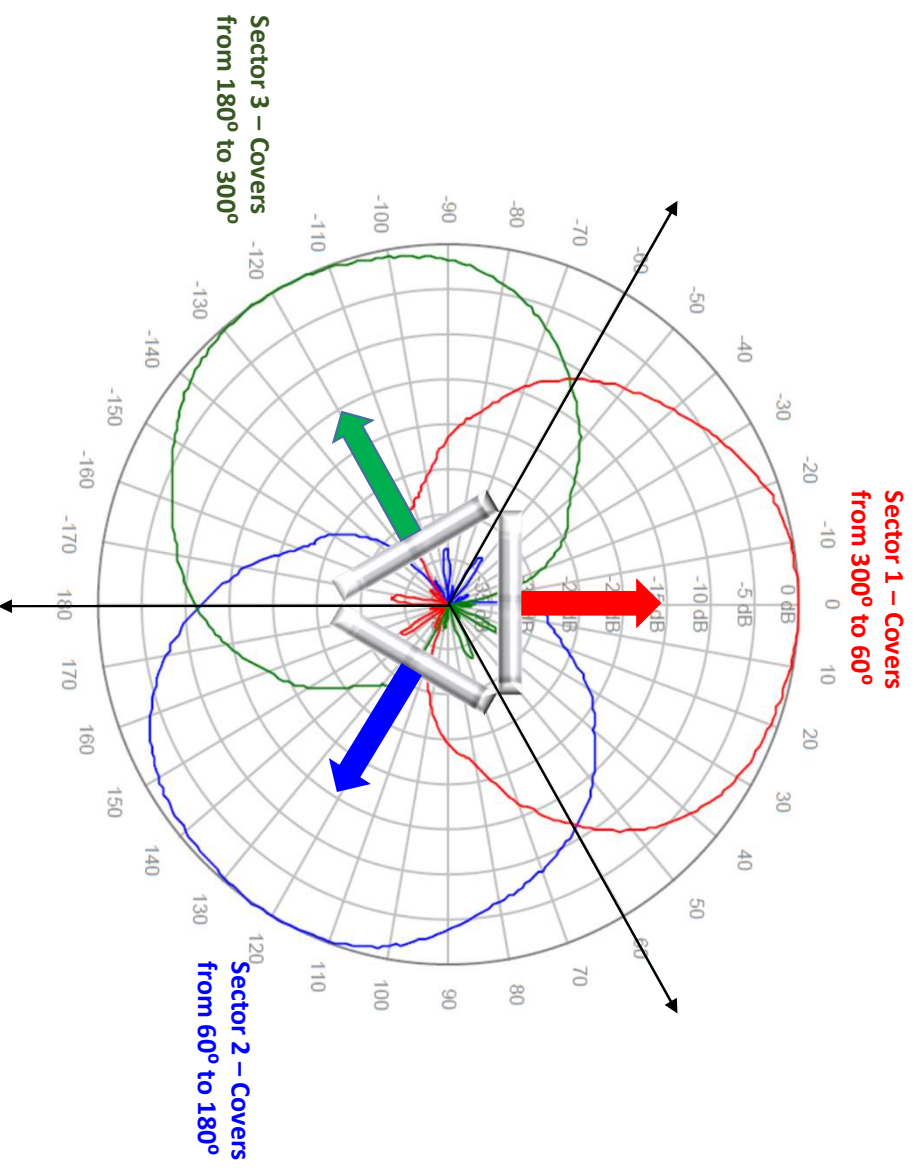
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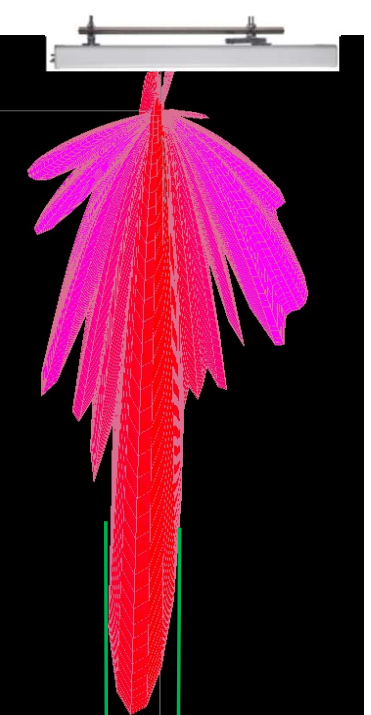
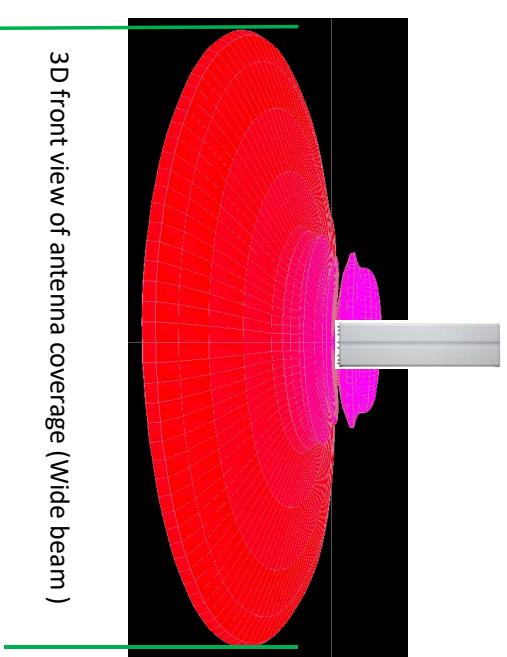
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Antenna Coverage – Correct Vertical Orientation of Antennas

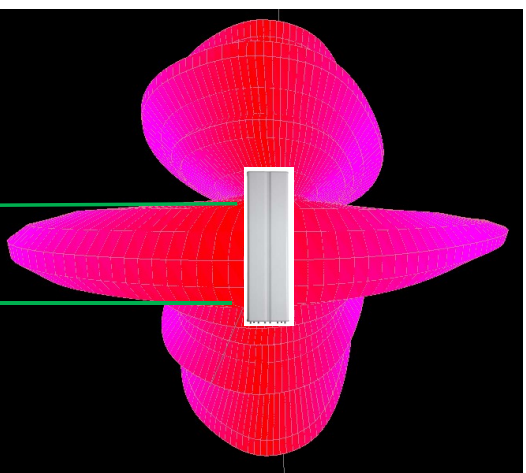
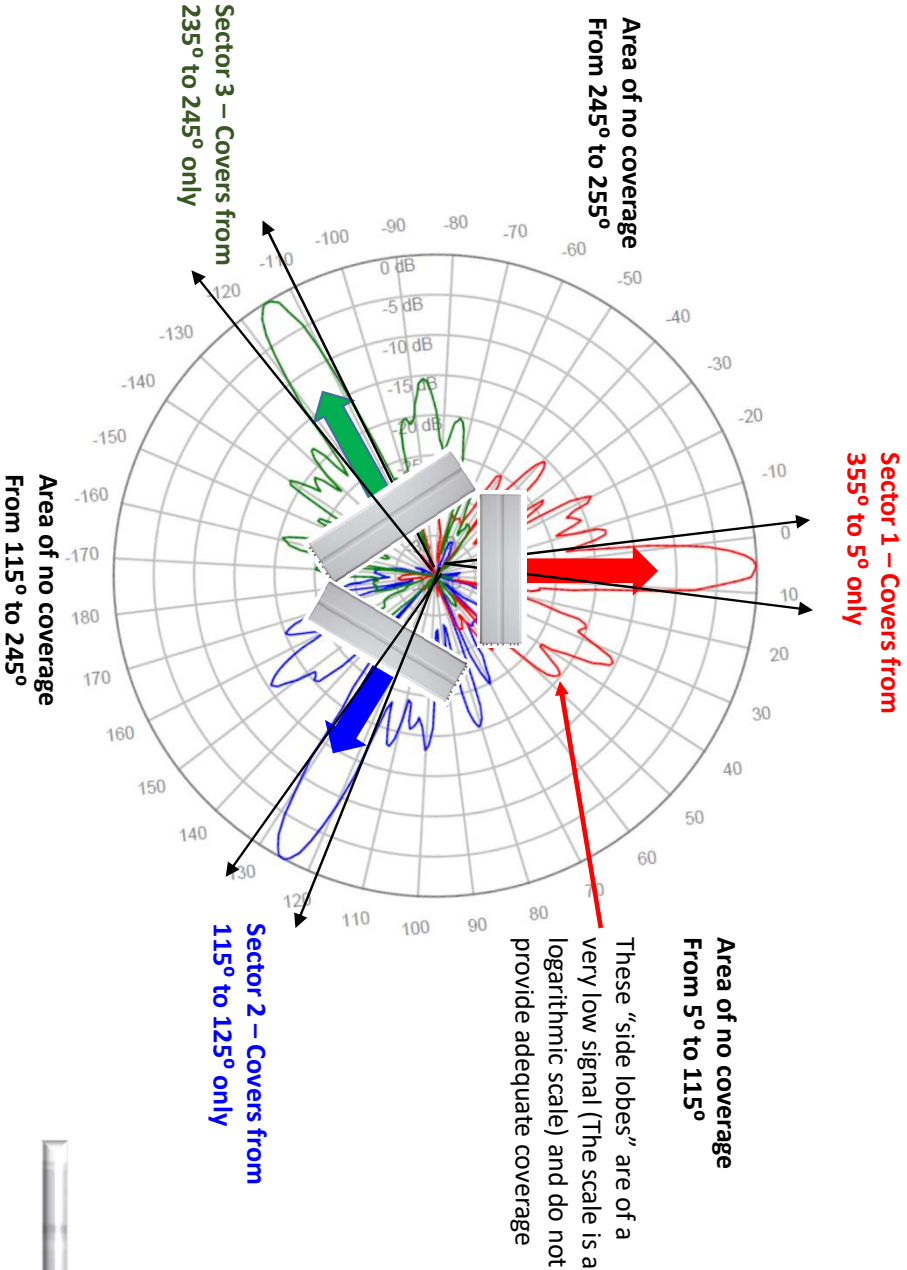


Plan view (Birds eye view) of a 3 sector (antenna) cell site with *correct* vertically mounted antennas

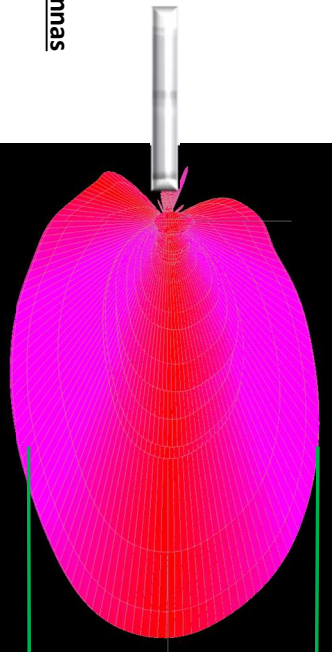
Each antenna covers a nominal 120° area, so 3 antennas, mounted 120° apart, covers the full 360° area. The antenna coverage is similar to a disc, or plate, it is very wide (120°) in the azimuth (Horizontal plane), and very narrow (10°) in the elevation (vertical plane)



Antenna Coverage – Incorrect Horizontal Orientation of Antennas



3D front view of antenna coverage (Narrow azimuth beam)



3D side view of antenna Coverage (Wide Elevation Beam)

Plan view (Birds eye view) of a 3 sector (antenna) cell site with *Incorrect* Horizontal mounted antennas

If the antenna was mounted horizontal, the “Disc” has now been rotated 90°, so the wide beam is now vertically orientated, and the narrow beam is now horizontally orientated. Instead of each antenna covering 120°, each antenna would only cover approximately 10 Deg, so out of the 360° required coverage, only about 30° would be covered, leaving the customers in the rest of the 330° with no coverage.