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2020/3839/P	S Wolters	25/10/2020 22:57:51	OBJ	<p>I object to this application for the installation of 88 microwave antennas on the roof of the St Giles Hotel. I agree with the Bloomsbury Association's objections that the design, size and height of the proposed antennas would have an adverse effect on the character and appearance of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area and the Grade I listed buildings in Bedford Square. The photos which the Bloomsbury Association provided with its application demonstrate this clearly. In Policy D2 of the Camden Local Plan, the Council said it would "resist development outside of a conservation area that causes harm to the character or appearance of that conservation area". As the installation of the antennas on the roof of the St Giles Hotel will cause harm to the character and appearance of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area, the Council is implored to refuse this application.</p> <p>In the alternative, the significant addition of 88 new microwave antennas would constitute a new use of the roof of the building. The 88 'Siklu Antennas' being added to the roof for the purpose of commercial provision of wireless internet to businesses will cause the roof's use to be altered. This new use will impact the appearance of the St Giles Hotel in the neighbourhood and will contradict the London Plan which requires conservation areas to be "protected from inappropriate development that is not sympathetic in terms of scale, materials, details and form". Prominent features of tall buildings such as roof tops are required to not have a negative impact on the amenity of surrounding uses according to the London Plan. Many people live and work from home in the surrounding area and the installation of 88 microwave antennas for commercial use could significantly impact the functioning of WiFi routers of tenants in the area. Therefore, this proposed addition is likely to have a negative impact on the amenity of surrounding uses.</p> <p>The proposed installation is damaging to the Bloomsbury Conservation Area and should be refused.</p>

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2020/3839/P	Peter Secker	25/10/2020 17:07:03	OBJ	The Committee

I write with regards to the application (reference 2020/3839/P) for the installation of 88 microwave towers on the roof of St Giles Hotel, 12 Bedford Avenue, WC1B 3GH.

I will also respond via the website, but would also like to address you personally as it is difficult to comprehend that you would even consider an application for an 88 tower microwave installation on a low rise building in a residential area and shopping area, next to a children's school, in an area of cultural significance associated with heritage listed buildings. Just considering the health and safety implications of such an action would ensure that your Duty of Care obligations to local schools, residents and passers-by would preclude you from taking this application any further.

I do not believe that any health and safety risks associated with locating transmitter masts near to residential, school and business premises and pedestrian traffic have been assessed in the application, or even reference made to current health and DfEE advice. The proposed microwave installation is located within 120 metres of a school, Ecole Jeannine Manuel in Bedford Square, for nursery, primary and secondary age children. There are a multitude of medical and technical studies concerning their impact on human health, most significantly their acknowledged health concerns about over exposure of young children to microwave electromagnetic radiation. In particular, Dr Helen Caldicott, Pediatrician and co-founder of Physicians for Social Responsibility, has advised:

“Radio frequencies emitted from mobile phone towers will have deleterious medical effects to people within the near vicinity according to a large body of scientific literature. Babies and children will be particular sensitive to the mutagenic and carcinogenic effects of the radio frequency radiation. It is therefore criminal to place of these aerials on or near a school”.

In addition, it would be worth reviewing the work undertaken by technical groups, such as <https://www.geoengineeringwatch.org/health-effects-from-cell-phone-tower-radiation/> that demonstrate the following risks:

- Microwave transmitters emit radio frequencies (RF), a form of electromagnetic radiation (EMR), for a distance of up to 2.5 miles.
- They are essentially the same frequency radiation as microwaves in a microwave oven.
- Studies have shown that even at low levels of this radiation, there is evidence of damage to cell tissue and DNA, and it has been linked to brain tumors, cancer, suppressed immune function, depression, miscarriage, Alzheimer's disease, and numerous other serious illnesses.
- Children are at the greatest risk, due to their thinner skulls, and rapid rate of growth.
- Also at greater risk are the elderly, the frail, and pregnant women.

On another note, it is critical to ensure that the asset value of Bloomsbury's heritage is not adversely affected by new developments and I would expect the Council to ensure that the requirements of Policy D2 are met and that it will not permit any further development that it considers would cause harm to the setting of listed buildings or that causes harm to the character and appearance of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

It is also important to note that the proposed antennas and ancillary development on the roof of the hotel, by

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2020/3839/P	Roger and Bridget Myddelton	26/10/2020 15:43:12	OBJ	<p>We live very close to the St Giles Hotel and object strongly to this proposal. We are worried about the health implications of significant microwave electromagnetic radiation in a location which is so close to many residents, and to the children attending the nearby school in Bedford Avenue.</p> <p>Essentially, though, our main concern is for the detrimental effect the proposal would have on the views from many parts of Bloomsbury and beyond, most particularly from Bedford Square - the architectural and historical importance of which can hardly be overstated. We also believe that the St Giles Hotel itself does have architectural significance, and that its design integrity would be significantly compromised by the proposed changes.</p> <p>For these reasons, and others contained in the 7 October letter from the Bloomsbury Association, we therefore request that the application be refused.</p>
2020/3839/P	Susannah Webster	23/10/2020 16:57:32	COMMNT	<p>I would like to object to this planning permission going ahead. There is not enough research or evidence to say if so many antennas pose any kind of public health risk. Whilst I understand that a business will want to make a profit I fail to see how this can create any long term jobs and therefore add to the economy. I therefore ask you to consider many peoples health above the profit of one business.</p>

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2020/3839/P	Joseph Cappellazzi	23/10/2020 10:25:37	OBJ	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I object to the installation of 88 microwave antennas on the existing roof of the St Giles Hotel and associated works. Application for planning permission reference: 2020/3839/P. I make my objections based on the following.</p> <p>The incredible visual impact it has on the surrounding view.</p> <p>The fact that it would make an already hideous building even more ugly.</p> <p>To elaborate, the proposed antennas and ancillary development on the roof of the hotel, by reason of their design, siting, height, size and prominence, would be detrimental to the appearance of the host building, the character and appearance of the adjacent Bloomsbury and Hanway Street Conservation Areas and the Denmark Street Conservation Area. They would also be damaging to the setting of the Grade I listed buildings in Bedford Square; the setting of the assembly of listed buildings around Centre Point; the Grade II* listed Congress House, the Grade II listed Dominion Theatre and adjacent former YWCA by Lutyens and listed Georgian townhouses at 98-109 Great Russell Street. This is contrary to policy D1 (Design) and D2 (Heritage) of the Camden Local Plan and paragraph 113 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2019.</p> <p>The proposal is located within 120 metres of a school, Ecole Jeannine Manuel in Bedford Square, for nursery, primary and secondary age children. There are acknowledged health concerns about over exposure of young children to microwave electromagnetic radiation. In particular, Dr Helen Caldicott, Pediatrician and co-founder of Physicians for Social Responsibility, has advised: "Radio frequencies emitted from mobile phone towers will have deleterious medical effects to people within the near vicinity according to a large body of scientific literature. Babies and children will be particularly sensitive to the mutagenic and carcinogenic effects of the radio frequency radiation. It is therefore criminal to place of these aerials on or near a school". The risk of locating transmitter masts near to school premises is not assessed in the application with reference to current health and DfEE advice. The proposal is inadequately described in the application. It lacks any east or west elevations, no overall height is given for the array or any dimensions given for the antennas.</p> <p>Many thanks, Joseph</p>
2020/3839/P	horatia Stern	22/10/2020 12:02:27	OBJ	I strongly object to this proposal.
2020/3839/P	M H Stroud	23/10/2020 11:15:36	OBJ	I fully agree with the representation made by Bloomsbury Association with particular regard to potential detrimental health issues
2020/3839/P	Kevin Fogarty	26/10/2020 20:17:19	OBJ	As a local resident I object to this planning application on the grounds of the impact on the appearance of the existing building, on the setting of adjoining listed buildings and on surrounding conservation areas. The Bloomsbury Association have in their objection to this planning application explained and expanded on all of these issues, and I fully agree with their statements