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Application number: 2020/5130/P Hampstead Telephone Exchange, Finchley Road

Dear Sirs,

This application is for a new base station for Telefonica/02 for 5G and for 2G/3G/4G coverage. It is in an area where Telefonica/02 published coverage charts already show a good signal coverage of 2G/3G/4G and outdoor coverage of 5G.

I strongly object to this planning application which states that antennas are to be installed as part of a 5G upgrade.

On the planning statement Cellnex and TTI say that two nearby nursery schools were consulted, and no response received, one of the schools is Casa Dei Bambini Montessori School is for 2.5 to 6 years old. The other school is Bright Horizons JW3 (formerly Active Learning JW3) provides care education for children aged 3 months to 5 years. There is also a rooftop garden providing outdoor learning activities.

There has been little consultation with the residents and the schools in the area. Have the parents of the children who attend these schools been consulted? Have the teachers been consulted?

Camden has an obligation to safeguard the health of its residents as provided for in Section 2B of the National Health Service Act 2006:

“2B Functions of local authorities and Secretary of State as to improvement of public health

(1) Each local authority must take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of the people in its area.”

5G is a newer type of telecommunication and should be a special case. It should not be lumped together with prior legislation which was relevant to previous types of masts for 2G, 3G and 4G. This application needs to follow the ‘full Planning Permission’ process, rather than GPDO Prior Approval Determination. Any change to an existing base station which increases its size, or the overall power radiated, should be subject to the normal planning process as if it were a new development.

The Stewart Report on which Public Health England relies, recommends that operators should provide information about the frequency and modulation characteristics and the power output of antennae. None of this has been provided.

The consultation should be broadened to include concerned local residents rather than the limited public scrutiny which it has currently been afforded.

5G has never been tested. Even the new Covid-19 vaccines are being put through rigorous tests before being released to the public. So why a frequency which will affect all life?

“Because this is the first generation to have cradle-to-grave lifespan exposure to this level of man-made microwave (RF EMR) radiofrequencies, it will be years or decades before the true health consequences are known. Precaution in the roll out of this new technology is strongly indicated”.

See 5G Wireless Telecommunications Expansion: Public Health and Environmental Implications.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29655646/>

The mast mounted on a raised portion of the roofline, will be an eyesore with a colossal set of antennae mounted on it which will make them far more visible than those already there. They will protrude well into the skyline. They will be especially visible from the front of the building and on the left when seen from Finchley Road and up towards Hampstead.

The two extra masts and associated clutter at the rear of the building will be protuberant and highly visible when viewed from the nearby West End Green Conservation Area, as well as nearby residents in Alvanley Gardens

Just because a precedent is set with the masts already installed, it does not make it right to install more.

Camden must refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lesley Stevas

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