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Dear Tony Young

2021/0598/P, Crestview, 47 Dartmouth Park Hill, NWS
Installation of telecommunication equipment to roof and ancillary works

I **object most strongly** to this application.

Introducing the proposed installations on this already negative building located on the top of the hill, the Hampstead and Highgate Ridge, could not be in a more inappropriate, visually damaging, location. Due to the topography it would introduce harm not only to the acknowledged importance of the Dartmouth Park CA's roofscape at 1992 designation, but to attractive views in to our CA from surrounding CAs and Hampstead Heath. Crestview's immediate relationship, located adjacent to the Grade II* St Mary's Brookfield Church with its fine prominent sloping roof – a beautiful landmark seen against the skyline -, will be seriously degraded by such installations.

There are many examples of how these installations would be visual harmful as they would be clearly visible from many local locations. These would include in my immediate area from the lower even numbers in Chetwynd Road and from Twisden Road where the roofs of both St Mary's Church and Crestview are viewed together.

An enormously damaging view would be introduced from Parliament Hill Fields eastward towards Highgate Road and the imposing elevation of La Sainte Union Des Sacrés Coeurs Convent School (listed Grade II together with its gates and wall), where the rising backdrop is of St Mary's Brookfield Church roof and Crestview. Visualize the latter's roof littered with antenna against the skyline. For the harm the proposal would introduce to this view in the setting of this fine listed building alone, this application should be refused.

A minor point: the impact of a 50 x 50 cable trunking tray shown rising up from ground to roof at the SW corner of Crestview facing Dartmouth Park Road immediately opposite the listed St Mary's Church. Painting such installation to camouflage/blend in with brickwork is frequently deemed an acceptable solution by officers. However, experience has shown that in the long term such treatment leads to lack of painting upkeep and deterioration of trunking by on-going poor maintenance panel/access servicing, invariably leading to defacing the setting. For Council Enforcement such 'minor' matters are normally deemed unenforceable, leaving an unsightly visual mess to the streetscape.

Yours sincerely

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