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Appeal Reference: APP/W1715/W/22/3312540

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By CK HUTCHISON NETWORKS (UK) LTD

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ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- ☐ Appellant
- ☐ Agent
- ☒ Interested Party / Person
- ☐ Land Owner
- ☐ Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- ☐ Final Comments
- ☐ Proof of Evidence
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- ☐ Statement of Common Ground
- ☒ Interested Party/Person Correspondence

☐ Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I had already objected to PN/22/93378 via planning.Eastleigh.gov.uk with the following:
I request to obtain full ICNIRP drawings and site-specific radio frequency plans so that the exclusion zones can be understood and to comply with legal obligations. We believe the ICNIRP advice is wrong and there should be advice coming from independent scientists. Numerous recent scientific publications have shown that electro-magnetic radiation affects living organisms at levels well below most international and national guidelines. Proven effects include increased cancer risk, cellular stress, increase in harmful free radicals, genetic damages, structural and functional changes of the reproductive system, learning and memory deficits, neurological disorders, and negative impacts on general well-being in humans. Damage goes well beyond the human race, as there is growing evidence of harmful effects to both plants and animals. The deployment on this scale of pulsed microwave radiation is reckless. We are becoming increasingly alarmed as we learn of the serious implications of the 5G roll-out: to our own health, the environment and all biological life. No one wants a mast emitting high levels of radiation outside their home, their child's school or their place of work. The 'benefits' claimed by the telecoms industry come at a very high price. 5G radiation will be sent from advanced antennas, in phased arrays, that transmit microwaves in narrow beams, a technology originally developed for military purposes. This will massively increase the exposure to radiation from those beams. Those beams will be nearly everywhere. The wireless telecoms industry intends to outfit nearly every lamp post or utility post around the country with wireless small cell antennas beaming hazardous radiation next to, or into, our homes, schools, work places and everywhere, 24/7 as well as intensifying 4G throughout the countryside.

As the decision is now being appealed by CK Hutchinson Network, I would like to state my objection as such:

In putting forward this objection to the above mast, I acknowledge that current planning law makes it difficult to take into consideration any reasons for opposing such applications other than those of siting and visual amenity. However, while this objection will start by focusing on these issues, it will additionally provide some indication of why this limited set of valid objections is problematic. It will show not only that health effects of microwave radiation can be severe but also that there are legal ways to challenge the law's limitations that we intend to draw upon should the mast be approved. Moreover, while accepting that 'Local planning authorities must determine applications on planning grounds only' (National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2019 Para 116) it should be remembered that this framework is advisory, not Legislation or Law. It is the case that the Council DO have authority under NPPF Article 4 (Para 38) to bar the progression of an ill-conceived and incomplete proposal if it is deemed not to be in the interests of environmental or public health:

'The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. At a very high level, the objective of sustainable development can be summarised as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs' (NPPF 2019, Article 2, para 7). [Meeting the] social objective [requires] support[ing] strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ... fostering a well-designed and safe built environment, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities' health, social and cultural well-being' (NPPF 2019: 8b).

Local planning authorities should approach decisions on proposed development in a positive and creative way. They should ... work proactively with applicants to secure developments that will improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area. Decision-makers at every level should seek to approve applications for sustainable development where possible.... (NPPF 2019: para 38).

This demonstrates that it is possible for planning officers to reject a proposal if it is not sustainable on environmental and public health and well-being grounds. Polluting technologies cannot be sustainable as demanded by NPPF objectives and policies. Restricting planning objections to the appearance and siting of RFR emitting masts, is thus not legitimate. A development that poses nuisance to the public is unsustainable.

I therefore ask the council to give full consideration as obliged to by Law to review the scientific literature given below as a tiny sample of the hundreds of papers that have shown harmful effects of radio-frequency radiation (RFR) on humans, animals, insects, birds and plants, as this full information is needed when weighing up the benefits and harms of this mast to the local residents and the wider

environment.

1 SITING AND VISUAL AMENITY

The proposed mast site is on a green corner at Wiltshire and Belmont Road, directly adjacent to the bus stop entrance and extremely close to the bus stop. However, while this may not obstruct pedestrians passing up and down the road, the cabinets will be high and take up a considerable portion of the designated area as the markings on it suggest, changing the overall appearance of this small area and making it unsightly and out of character.

The pole will be visible from some distance thus disturbing the sightline and will look quite out of place. A 15 metre high mast will clearly not be possible to camouflage, as it will tower over all nearby buildings and be far from a sympathetic visual amenity in this area (NPPF 2019: para 113 'equipment should be sympathetically designed and camouflaged where appropriate.')

Moreover, the placement of the proposed 5G telecommunications tower in its proposed position will effectively debar all those with electrical sensitivity from working, living and walking in the vicinity. "Wellbeing for all sections of the community" will, therefore, clearly be contravened (NPPF 2019 Section 8, para 92).

2. Requirement that the applicant provide appropriate information

Crucial areas of concern relate specifically to the lack of information provided by the applicant, Mr Ben Gilpin (Agent), on behalf of CK Hutchison Networks (UK) Ltd

2.1 With reference to the Planning Application Form:

No comments from any consultees have been placed on the planning portal and there has been no physical documentation in the vicinity to inform the community about the planning application as is required by current legislation. This is usually attached to a lamp post or similar in the area around the proposed planning site and this has resulted in the fact that NO ONE who walks past has been made aware of the planning application.

Evidence under General Permitted Development Order Development (NPPF 2019 para 115):

'Applications for electronic communications development (including applications for prior approval under the General Permitted Development Order) should be supported by the necessary evidence to justify the proposed development. Evidence should include (Para 115a):

'the outcome of consultations with organisations with an interest in the proposed development, in particular with the relevant body where a mast is to be installed near a school or college.' In this case no such information has been provided.

The Council can therefore demand to see the outcome of consultations that Hutchison Networks (UK) Ltd have had with interested parties. This relates to local residences, care homes and schools in the area.

2.2 With reference to the ICNIRP declaration of compliance

There is no ICNIRP 'certificate' attached to the planning application and even if it was, the "certificate" is not intended as any guarantee that the mast in question meets any particular standards of emissions – and is somewhat of a deceptive instrument, as ICNIRP does not certify or set any legal standards, and does not comply with the Law 1815 2016 EC document. ICNIRP is only advisory for the emissions of radiation RFR exposure from the transmitters for no longer than six or thirty minutes, and not for any longer time period. The "certificate" is simply a deceptive document to pretend that certain safety-related information must be provided and self-certified correct for the mast in question, by a signature from a person in authority in the telecoms applicant corporation concerned.

This information includes:

- Risk assessments concerning health and safety, and environmental safety for less than Thirty Minutes.
- the frequencies to be emitted by the mast along with maximum and minimum power levels (ERP) of pulse-modulated electromagnetic radiation produced by the 4G and 5G equipment either for immediate use or for future use when it is in operational mode. These must be supplied in an accompanying

technical file to the ICNIRP certificate/ Declaration of Conformity Requirements (Decision no. 768/2008/EC of the EU Parliament)

Without a signature and this technical file, the ICNIRP certificate is invalid.

2.3 ISO compliance

The Applicant/Agent has not declared compliance with ISO Standards: ISO 9001 (Quality) or the equivalent TL 9000, ISO 14001 (Environment) and ISO 18001(Health and Safety), This is needed for all equipment to be used on this monopole, specified now and for the future, both for the erecting of the infrastructure and the operational use of the antenna during the terms of the contract length.

2.4 Exclusion Zone

No details have been provided defining the radiation exclusion zone.

No details have been provided regarding the distances this mast can fire its laser like collimated microwave radiation signals.

UK Health Security Agency (formally known as Public Health England) states: 'With some of the larger base stations there can be regions around the antenna within which the emissions exceed the ICNIRP guidelines'. With the proximity of the bus station with its 10 million passengers per year this is crucial information, yet it is lacking in this application.

It is impossible properly to evaluate the safety of the proposed mast without the required technical information, missing from the ICNIRP certificate.

3.0 Environmental Risk Assessment

The projected position of the mast as drawn on the proposed site plan suggests that the tree immediately next to it is likely to be damaged by the emissions. Peer-reviewed science shows harm to trees from pulsed modulated electromagnetic radiation(Waldmann-Selsam et al 2016). This needs to be included in the Environmental Risk Assessment which should further detail the effects of the pulsed, data-modulated, radiofrequency, electromagnetic microwave radiation (RF-EMR) on ecology, flora and fauna (especially pollinating insects which are particularly vulnerable to this kind of radiation) in local gardens and the nearby Greenway. No mention is made in the application of any environmental risk or risk assessment, making it incomplete.

3.1 Evidence of environmental harm

Waldmann-Selsam , de la Puente, Balmori (2016)Image'Radiofrequency radiation injures trees around mobile phone base stations', Sci Total Environ, 1;572:554-569.
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27552133>

Thielens, Arno, Duncan Bell, David B. Mortimore, Mark K. Greco, Luc Martens & Wout Joseph (2018) Exposure of Insects to Radio-Frequency Electromagnetic Fields from 2 to 120 GHz, Scientific Reports volume 8, Article number: 3924.<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-018-22271-3>

Cucurachi iet al states 'In about two-thirds of the reviewed studies ecological effects of RF-EMF was reported at high, as well as at low dosages. The very low dosages are compatible with real field situations and could be found under environmental conditions.'. (Cucurachi et al (2013) 'A review of the ecological effects of radio-frequency electromagnetic fields (RF-EMF)', Environ Int 51:116-40).<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0160412012002334>

Research from Sharma and Kumar (2010) found "A significant ($p < 0.05$) decline in bee colony strength and in the egg-laying rate of the queen. There was neither honey nor pollen in the colony at the end of the experiment (Sharma and Kumar (2010) 'Changes in honey bee behaviour and biology under the influence of cell phone radiations', Current Science98(10):1376-1378.
https://www.stralingsarmvlaanderen.org/resources/Reports/Ved-Parkash-Sharma_a49823b5aa.pdf

Furthermore, neither the ICNIRP 1998 nor the ICNIRP 2020 guidelines consider the health impact of wireless communication systems on wildlife whose physiology clearly varies considerably from that of humans (See ICNIRP 2020 GUIDELINES FOR LIMITING EXPOSURE TO ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS (100 kHz to 300 GHz), where the abstract limits the applicability of the guidelines to human beings.

<https://www.icnirp.org/en/activities/news/news-article/rf-guidelines-2020-published.html>

4.0 Radio-frequency radiation can be defined in law as producing pollution or waste that negatively affects human health

According to the definitions from the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA 1990), the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999 (PPCA 1999), and the EU Directive on Industrial Emissions (2010/75/EU), radio-frequency radiation (RFR) emitted from masts and antennae can be shown to produce pollution or waste of a kind directly dangerous to human health. The laws specifically reference 'organ toxicity', listing as examples of this cell mutagenicity, carcinogenicity, and reproductive toxicity. A document produced by an EU entity (EUROPAEM 2016), has provided evidence that these are all (non-thermal) health effects of RFR. Thus, broadcast Wireless or Wi-Fi can be shown to create pollution/industrial waste, at the very least, to the standard that warrants investigation under the EPA 1990 and therefore that the erection of the proposed mast and its use are not sustainable given the nuisance control obligations that arise from the aforementioned legislation.

The above shows that the emissions from this mast will constitute a statutory nuisance emanating from a pollutant producing waste harmful to human health. Therefore, should the current planning application be approved, we intend to submit a formal statutory nuisance complaint against the mast.

EUROPAEM (2016) 'Guideline 2016 for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of EMF related health problems and illnesses' (Belyaev et. al., on behalf of the EMF Working Group, published in 'Reviews on Environmental Health, July 2016).

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Igor_Belyaev/publication/305689940_EUROPAEM_EMF_Guideline_2016_for_the_prevention_diagnosis_and_treatment_of_EMF-related_health_problems_and_illnesses/links/59f2dfeaca272cdc7d0312c/EUROPAEM-EMF-Guide

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