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Application Reference No. : DET/2022/0021 Site Address: PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION Old Hall Square Hadfield Glossop Derbyshire Comments by: Michael Copestake

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I oppose the construction of a telecommunications mast in Old Hall Square. A tall mast, indeed any mast, would be inconsistent with the Conservation area status of the square. It would be a travesty to allow such a mast to be erected in a Conservation area and possibly the most picturesque area in Hadfield.

The council's Conservation Area policy states:

Traditional buildings, their architectural details, materials and appearance contribute towards the special character of each conservation area. Just as important is the way in which buildings and spaces relate to each other, the historic layout of street patterns, views, open spaces, trees and other landscape features.

Permitting a Mast development in Old Hall Square would be at total variance with conservation aims.

The Applicant's Site Specific Supplementary Information states:

The proposal would respect and continue to maintain the character of the area

That is not the case. A modern tall mast in such close proximity to a number of listed buildings is hardly consistent with the character of the area.

The Applicant says of its proposed mast:

it is felt that such a minor increase would not detract from the character in which the proposal sits.

That cannot be true. The area is one of Conservation. A mast would stick out like a sore thumb.

The Applicant further states:

The proposed works are not to the visual detriment of the surrounding area (being suitably distant from sensitive receptors). The proposal would not result in demonstrable harm to the character of the immediate or wider area and

It is set against the backdrop of mature trees that greatly help to camouflage the mast into its surroundings.

The character of this Conservation Area would be greatly changed if a modern mast were to be erected. Whilst there are mature trees nearby they would do little to hide a huge mast and cabinet. Possibly two houses will have sight of the mast somewhat obscured by the trees when in full leaf but every pedestrian and driver in the square and most residents from their houses will not be able to miss the mast.

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