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Site Address: PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION Old Hall Square Hadfield Glossop Derbyshire

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I strongly object to the proposed installation of the mast due to the following reasons:

Old Hall Square is a conservation area at the heart of Hadfield and one of the few remaining beauty spots of the village. Largely due to the protection that the square enjoys, it has remained a charming, historic and open space for locals to walk, meet and relax. The modern 15m mast and accompanying 2m (approx.) cabinets would strip the square of its charm and make it a place to pass by rather than a place to be, at the loss of the community.

Not only is the proposed site a protected conservation area but the mast would be placed within 50m and direct line of site of 3 listed buildings surrounding the square. Due to the open and low-laying nature of the square, it would be clearly visible to passersby and visitors approaching from all sides as well as several more surrounding buildings. It would be an insult to the heritage of the square, the local community and all those who have tried to protect its heritage to this present day.

The mast is completely out of character and proportion to surrounding buildings, trees and other street furniture. Generally the square is an open green space, surrounded by several trees and low-laying traditional stone buildings. The modern technology, material, colour and sheer scale of the proposed tower, as well as its position towards center of the square, is therefore at complete contrast to the surroundings.

The proposal argues that the public benefit outweighs the harm caused by the tower. As a local resident living and working in Hadfield, I see no benefit of this tower as I have good mobile coverage throughout my home and stable broadband internet speeds that are beyond my requirements for work and personal use. Access to increased mobile connectivity or internet speeds is no benefit to me. The harm, on the other hand, of losing the charm and heritage of Old Hall Square is instantly clear. The other objections to the proposal are proof of the similar opinions of other locals who collectively make up 'the public'. At the time of writing I do not see any support for the planning application by local residents, nor a case presented in the proposal as to how we, the public, are benefiting from the proposed tower.

In summary this tower will be imposed upon Hadfield residents at the detriment of our beloved historic village square, and primarily for CK Hutchison Networks' own financial gain. The public benefit of this proposal is not clear nor argued - i.e. how it improves the economic, social and environmental objectives of the public now or

in future - yet the harm to the local community of Hadfield is immediately apparent, and lasting.

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