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Councillor Jason Smithers
Leader of the Council
North Northamptonshire Council
The Cube
George Street
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26th August 2022

Dear Councillor Smithers,

RE: NE/22/00978/PNT - PROPOSED 'MONOPOLE' IN IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

I have been contacted by a number of residents in Ebbw Vale Road, Dairy Way, and Lodge Way in Irthlingborough, along with some of their locally elected representatives, to object to the proposed 5G 'monopole' at Lodge Way. The concern being expressed is significant about the proposed siting.

I know we all believe that we need the 5G roll-out to proceed locally, which this telecoms infrastructure facilitates, but there is flexibility around where they are sited. Indeed, in the past, I know efforts have been made elsewhere in North Northamptonshire to identify alternative sites to alleviate local concerns, whilst still delivering the infrastructure upgrade required. I understand that such a collaborative approach is advocated nationally, with a view to identifying appropriate local solutions to address any concerns.

I would therefore urge that every effort is made to identify a small publicly owned alternative site in Irthlingborough, which will meet the requirements of the developer, alleviate the understandable local concerns and deliver the upgrade. I am also copying this letter to Rob Bridge, the Chief Executive of NNC, as well as the Clerk of Irthlingborough Town Council, Angie Daly, who I hope will approach this matter in the same spirit, working in conjunction with NNC.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Pursglove".

TOM PURSGLOVE MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
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