

PARISH RESPONSE ON PLANNING APPLICATION 21/00623

Location	LAND AT NORTH OGDENS, OGDENS, HYDE, SP6 2QF
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Although the proposed mast complies with the limitation on height of 20 metres above ground level on article 2(3) land, councillors unanimously agreed that Prior Approval should be required for this proposed development as the siting and appearance elements are not acceptable.

The applicants completely ignore the statutory protection of the land.

SITING:

The proposed site of the mast is totally unsuitable for the following reasons:

- it is within the National Park, on highly protected Conservation land, SSSI, SAC (Special Area of Conservation, internationally designated), and the Western Escarpment Conservation Area
- it contravenes the 1st Statutory Purpose of National Parks, of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area specified (Environment Act 1995 part 111 Purposes of National Parks)
- this purpose is fully shared by residents, New Forest District Council, Hampshire County Council, Forestry England and supported by neighboring Authorities
- the New Forest National Park Authority's planning policies (Local Plan 2016 – 2036) are designed to ensure the conservation and enhancement of the Park's natural landscape and to protect it from harm; the proposed mast would not be compliant with several important policies (DP2, SP5, SP6, SP7)
- The applicants list the benefits a mast could bring and quote the NPPF in support; Hyde Parish Council agrees that N.P Authorities, as well as a primary purpose of conservation, have a duty to:
 - 1) 'seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the National Park' (National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, Section 11A (Latest version) revised 01.04. 2019 'up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 01 August 2021' but please note, the Act continues
 - 2).if it appears that there is a conflict between those purposes, any relevant authority shall attach greater weight to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area comprised in the National Park' This is the basis of the First Statutory Purpose of National Parks and we hope it will be fully supported by N.P. Planning Officers when considering this application.
- The area of the proposed construction, base + cabinets + fencing will permanently remove this land from all protection and from grazing by livestock.

APPEARANCE:

- A 20m high monopole mast + antennas, dish and cabinets would not conserve or

enhance the Park, but would be a massive visual intrusion, (SP15 .DP2 e).

- The proposed site is on high ground, the mast would be seen from a very wide area, as is clearly shown by the panoramic views from the mast included in the application.
- Walkers on this area of local common land will be met with a huge, unsightly, alien obstruction on what should be part of a natural area of conservation common land that is a highly valued and appreciated amenity.
- The application p12/13 lists other Hyde sites visited but discounted on various grounds which include being on view from a distance, lack of screening and amenity value which all apply to the proposed site.
- Attempts to disguise the mast, such as with an artificial /mock tree, would look ridiculous on this open ground