

About the application

Application number: 2021/93245	
What is the application for?:	Prior notification for proposed 15.0m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wrapround Cabinet at
Address of the site or building:	New Mill Road / Heys Road, Wooldale, Holmfirth, HD9 7RU
Postcode:	RG1 8DJ

User comments

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The previous application for an 18m monopole was refused on aesthetic grounds one month ago. This reapplication is for a 15m monopole, but is shown quite clearly in the plans as 15m+. The original application stated "The height of the pole has been kept down to the absolute minimum capable of providing the required essential new 5G coverage". How can that be when they are saying exactly the same thing in this application? Even 15m is still over twice the height of the roof adjoining the site. The claim that the monopole will be screened by tall trees is completely wrong, there is just one large mature tree at the side of the recreation field that will offer hardly any screening. This monopole will completely change what has always been a semi-rural area into a more industrial area. The same objections raised to the previous application still remain: 1. completely unsuitable structure for an area with no high rise buildings or blocks of flats; 2. the monopole is far higher than any surrounding trees; 3. real or perceived health implications especially to the many pedestrians, bus passengers, and children of all ages who pass through the site; 4. real or perceived health implications to children who have been encouraged to use the recently refurbished recreation field just a few metres away - there is no proof as to the long term effect of 5G emissions; 5. obstruction to site lines from the junction of Heys Road and New Mill Road which are difficult at the best of times. We feel this site has been chosen purely because it is the cheapest option for the company involved, and no thought has been given to the effect on the local area. Reasons for the refusal of the previous application have not changed: "The reason for this is that the proposed mast, by reason of its siting and appearance, would be a visually intrusive and incongruous feature in the streetscape appearing wholly out of scale with the surrounding residential properties and failing to respect the character of the area. The proposed siting and appearance of this mast would be contrary to Policy LP24a of the Kirklees Local Plan." For the company to now state "This application robustly addresses these concerns by reducing the height of the proposed equipment", is an insult to everyone.	