

185 Longley
Huddersfield
West Yorkshire
HD5 8LB

5th February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to object to planning application 2023/N/90052/W regarding the proposed 5G telecoms installation.

I am a local resident of Longley and presently live at 185 Longley, approximately 50 meters from the proposed location. I moved to Huddersfield from Ely, Cambridgeshire in 2021, and was particularly drawn to Longley as a place to live due to its tranquil and friendly character, its proximity to the charming Longley Nature Reserve, and the historic nature of the buildings in the area. I believe all these features that make Longley such a pleasant place to live are under significant threat from this proposed 5G tower.

The proposed tower's immense height, its modern design, and its profusion of electrical equipment are starkly out of keeping with Longley as a local area. The height of the proposed tower is entirely disproportionate and would make it by far the tallest structure in the entire local area, dwarfing the local residential properties and lampposts.

Whether considered on a map or in person, the tower's damaging proximity to some of Huddersfield's most important and historic structures is quite appalling. There are a number of quite old cottages very nearby dating from the 17th and 18th centuries, many of them listed, as well as Longley Old Hall, a II* listed building. I am in fact quite shocked that any reasonable person could have decided that the proposed location is suitable, and can only imagine that whoever decided on the proposed location must entirely have failed to take into account the historic buildings which are so close to it. Certainly the 'site photograph' given in the application gives no indication whatsoever of the presence of these historic buildings so very nearby.

Most particularly I feel a strong sense of concern for Longley Old Hall, an ancient and historic house which has stood in this area for more than 600 years and which is II* listed. I have kindly been allowed to visit the Hall, and it remains a well-preserved building with many features of architectural and historic note, both in the exterior and interior, as well as possessing a sympathetically designed garden. Standing outside the Hall, you might feel transported back into the Yorkshire of the 15th or 16th centuries, a feeling that is rare and magical – a feeling that would be entirely destroyed if an enormous modern construction were to loom over the property. The proposed tower would dominate the views from any window on that side of the house and from the garden, robbing any sense of the Hall's unique historical quality. Further, I fear that allowing this structure to be built could provide a worrying precedent for further damaging development in this area.

I would also like to register my strong disapproval about the consultation process for this planning application. Despite being a local resident living just 50 metres from the proposed structure, I had heard nothing whatsoever regarding this proposed structure – no letters, no phone calls, no e-mails, no in-person information – until I was informed by a neighbour about it

just a few days ago (fortunately, before the deadline to write this letter of objection). I am quite surprised that such a significant construction, with such an impact on so many people and the place we live, could have been proposed with so little notice to the local area and with so little opportunity for our objections to be heard. I understand that petitions have been organised (to which I have added my name) to help raise awareness about this proposed construction and to make our objections heard, and I feel fortunate that this community has come together to try and protect its heritage.

Longley Old Hall's significance as a historic structure, not only to Huddersfield but also to Yorkshire and to the country more broadly, must be taken into account. I feel that any town or city that values its heritage must surely recognise their duty to preserve and protect it. Since moving here, one aspect of Yorkshire that I have found most admirable is this county's deep-rooted pride in itself, in its history and its accomplishments, and I strongly feel that Kirklees council must protect this significant piece of Yorkshire's heritage and history.

Yours sincerely,