

GREAT GIDDING ACTION GROUP
CROWN COTTAGE ,36 MAIN STREET, GREAT GIDDING,
HUNTINGDON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE , PE28 5NX

SENT BY E.MAIL
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Dear Ms Wilson,

PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION - MAIN STREET GREAT GIDDING

I am writing to you as a representative of the Great Gidding Action Group, in regard to this installation we are working with both the Parish and District Councils in an effort to understand where these installations are best sited and also to familiarise ourselves with planning application rules and requirements.

We wish to make our voice very clearly heard and to ensure that you are in no doubt as to our views and possible actions regarding the proposed siting of the above mentioned installation. For ease of reference we have listed these below in bullet point format.

- In the first instance we wish to work collaboratively with you to find a more unobtrusive site.
- We are currently in the process of organising a public meeting to include both District and Parish Councils. Your attendance at this meeting or possibly a private meeting with the Action Group would be welcomed.
- We wish to understand very clearly why this particular site has been favoured above all others. For clarity this is smack bang in the centre of the village - as you walk down the main street this will be prominent over the whole visual landscape - in the centre of a conservation area and extremely close to listed buildings and our primary school.
- We wish to suggest viable alternative sites within the village that would provide the height required for the installation and have ready access to both electricity and fibre optic broadband. Should these not be suitable we would wish to understand why.
- We firmly believe it is in all our interests to work positively with you to find a mutually acceptable solution that does not impact negatively on our village.
- We wish you to be in no doubt that your current proposal is completely unacceptable to us, it is nothing short of a blot on an otherwise lovely landscape. We will take every action possible to prevent this going ahead whether it be through local petition and protest or via social media, radio and television but preferably in full and open dialogue with yourselves and the parish and District Councils

In preparation for the Public meeting we have provided a list of questions to which we would hope to receive full and detailed answers. It is our belief that the Government does encourage an open and honest dialogue with residents affected by these installations particularly where they are in sensitive areas such as this. It is with this in mind that we

expect these questions to be fully answered before this (or indeed any similar proposal) could be given credible consideration. I have attached the list of questions ,hopefully you may be able to provide answers to some of the questions that relate directly to your area of expertise.

It would be extremely helpful if you or a representative from Harlequin could meet with us.

However if this is not possible please help us to work positively in collaboration with you through open and frank dialogue.

Yours Sincerely

Susan Shepherd representing Great Gidding Action Group

Cc Mary Read, Krystyna Wojcik, Paul Crank, Julie Arbuthnott-Byard, Sue Hebb, Paul Hudson