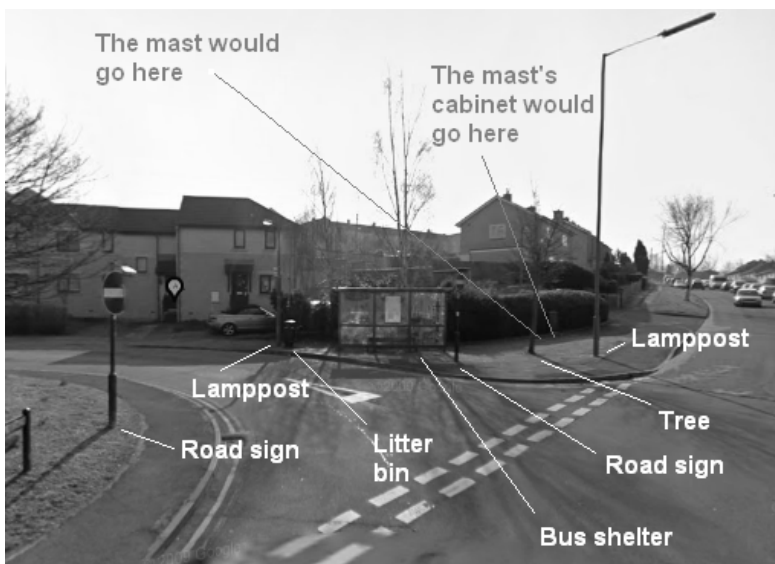


I object to the attempts by Vodafone and O2 to site a phone mast at the junction of Wedgewood Road and Poolemead Road.

This application has been appropriately refused by our Planning Development Control Committee on the following grounds:

1. The proposed antenna and associated equipment would contribute towards an undesirable cluttered appearance of this part of the street scene, to the detriment of the visual amenities of this residential area, contrary to Policies D.2, D.4, and ES.7 of the Bath and North East Somerset Local Plan (including minerals and waste policies) adopted October 2007.

The picture below shows that the mast and its cabinet would indeed add to an undesirable conglomeration of objects near people's homes and to the detriment of the visual amenities of the area. Its installation would lead to there being eight items of street furniture on one street corner.



2. The proposed development is likely to obscure visibility at the junction of Poolemead Road and Wedgewood Road and result in undue danger to the drivers of vehicles on the public highway. The proposed development is therefore contrary to Policy T.24 of the adopted Bath and North East Somerset Local Plan (including minerals and waste policies) adopted October 2007.

This argument can be demonstrated from the picture below. The mast and its cabinet would add to the multiple objects obscuring visibility for motorists on the approach to Poolemead Road from Wedgewood Road. This is a busy road that is used as a rat-run into town.



I ask that you also take into account the strength of feeling in the local community against this planning application. The phone operators' efforts to install a mast here has prompted hundreds of objection letters and a petition of over 400 names (shown below).



Some people are concerned about the health risks associated with these masts, especially as this road has an infant school, a children's nursery, and the Southside Youth Centre on it. A school for special needs children run by The Link is due to open in the youth centre. The mast would be just 150 metres from this, which goes *against* the advice of the government's Stewart Report.

Regards,

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