

## **Objection 1**

Objection to Disposal of Public Open Space Land @ Peel Brow, Ramsbottom, Bury

Points

1.

This open space land is a children's recreation area - if you have children would you accept them playing under this 5G mast without prior knowledge of health and well-being implications?

2.

It is a green open public space, with wildlife (deer, foxes and other wildlife) often seen. A right of way over public land for local people.

The planning officer of this application failed to recognise that this grassy area is an overgrown recreation area. Lacking maintenance.

3.

No other open space in this vicinity for children to be allowed to go alone to for exercise. and it is visible for nearby residents to monitor their children.

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There are allotments present next to this site where fowl, foods are grown for human consumption. With the obvious conclusion they will be consumed could there become a health issue?

Will access and usage of said plots be affected?

5.

The reputedly temporary mast placed there without planning permission or consultation with residents - pre-required of dangers to health updating and so it goes on.

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Nowhere is there any information, statistics/regulations to appease resident's worries for their families and their health?

7.

Another position much less intrusive could/should have been made available by yourselves. Perhaps the field at the rear of the Ex soap works which was apparently a more ideal site. Why then was the field land owner not approached to see if some conclusion could come from this?

Bath, Preston and other Councils across the country banned the structures from near parks, recreational areas as they have the same worries for public safety as ourselves.

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As a local Council you have a duty of care to the residents of this borough in your code of practice.

I therefore ask you to say no to this application. 'To misuse a quote - All lives matter.'

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## **Objection 2**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my absolute and total objection to the proposed land lease of the children's play area off Fern Street Ramsbottom.

I am sincerely hoping that your department are the department to do the correct thing, unlike the planning department which has already passed this. It is for you to stand up for the moral and human rights of the local residents and most especially the children who play in the play area (the clue is in the name).

It must be noted that the planning application was totally and completely flawed from the outset. In the application there was not one mention anywhere of the true location - i.e. a children's play area, then in the planning permission there was not one mention anywhere of the true location - i.e. a children's play area. Does this sound right? I think not.

As it is a 5G telecom's mast which will be erected on this land it is absolutely paramount that this lease does not go ahead as it will mean the mast being placed on a children's play area - not acceptable in any way.

Were this to make the daily papers Bury Town Hall will be a laughing stock and suspected of a grave disservice to the children of Ramsbottom.

Anyone reading the planning application can easily see how flawed it is and also the amount of lies and deceit on both sides the applicant and the planning department.

In a delegated report by Helen Leach she has actually stated that there were over 20 objections on the grounds that this is a children's play area yet the application was passed and signed by one man - unbelievably it did not go before the planning committee. It appears that the objections were not taken into account and this is totally against democracy as we know it. The people who objected live near the site and are the ones most affected and yet they have not had a voice in this situation.

The worst case scenario is corporate manslaughter further down the years, is this a risk you are willing to take? I hope not. I feel ashamed that I pay my rates to this town hall if they allow this to go ahead, and I know I am not alone. Please act now to restore our faith in the service you are charged to provide, a service for the people of this town, for the people not against the people. I implore you to do the right thing.

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### **Objection 3**

19 March 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to object to the proposed sale/lease of part of a children's play/recreation area situated at Peel Brow /Fern Street in Ramsbottom to a multi million pound organisation to site one of its experimental phone masts on. It has simply been described as a public open space by Bury MBC.

- This land forms part of a public open space over which there are public rights of way.
- This open space serves the residents of the densely populated area on Peel Brow and Fern Street where there are hundreds of houses and thousands of residents within walking distance. The density of this population in the area is growing significantly year on year. This public open space provides a much needed nearby green lung/recreational area benefiting the physical and mental health of the many residents and those working nearby. In particular local young people/children. Public Health England should be consulted about the loss of this public Open Space and the impact on children's lives and health.
- It is also an important part of the landscape and assists in sustaining the area as a vibrant community space/meeting place where parents are happy to let their young children play in safety and women feel safe to exercise and walk alone.
- There was a reason why this was designated an open public space and Bury Council should actually make some effort to remind itself of this and what such is for. The reasons have not changed. It is local to a community many of whom do not have access to other nearby open

public space. No part of it should be removed from the public. This is a fundamental principle.

- It also forms part of a rich tranquil wildlife corridor where birds, foxes and deer are regularly seen. This allows local children to learn about nature as part of their education.
- This public open space is also a necessary green lung given the proximity of Kenyon Street which contains a number of noisy and polluting industries as well as heavy visiting traffic
- This open public space forms part of a bigger Children's Play/Recreational Area which includes a playground with swings, slides etc, a stone whispering wall, a grassy area for games, dog walking and exercise/recreational activities. A great deal of public money has been spent developing and maintaining this well used open public space and it should remain intact and untouched by outside multi million pound commercial organisations with their own agendas and interests – as an aside the exact expenditure is currently being withheld from me as a result of Bury Council's failure to comply with its Freedom of Information obligations this failure has been referred to the Information Commissioner.
- The existence and function of open spaces must be considered by Bury MBC when considering proposals which may affect such spaces and the sale/lease of part of the open space to EE or to anyone will in any way adversely affect this space and its users.
- There are well established public rights of way over the whole of this public space including that part for sale/lease.
- Another important consideration is the use to which the proposed buyer/lease holder will use the land which is to site a large intrusive experimental mobile phone mast which has no place in a well used open public space/ children's play area. This is likely to result in a real reluctance to use the area due to this inappropriate structure's location. Bath Council, Halesowen Council and Preston Council have all refused permission to this contractor and its backer EE to site mobile phone masts in public open spaces and in particular close to or in public parks. There is a clear pattern of behaviour on the part of this mobile phone operator and its contractors which the more informed local authorities have blocked.
- Open public spaces should not be for sale or lease. This is not their purpose. Private control or ownership of such is indefensible, unethical and immoral as are those whose actions facilitate such.
- The sale or leasing of this open public space raises Equality Duties under the Equality Act. It will impact disproportionately on the young who use this play area in the greatest numbers. Age is a protected characteristic and taking this land from the local community will impact most on the young who have few facilities in Ramsbottom as it is. It will also have a greater impact on the disabled and elderly who have a greater need for very local leisure and recreational facilities. Its removal will adversely impact upon these groups to a greater extent. Again raising equality duties.
- A number of allotment users whose plots back on to this Open Space will find it difficult if not impossible to access their allotments if this open space is sold/leased

- Bury MBC has a responsibility to protect, enhance and maintain public rights of way. The sale of this open space fails to do this.
- It is also arguable that this open public space forms part of the Green belt which is protected.
- It is arguable that Sports England should be consulted given that this open public space is a recreational area and the sale / lease to EE affects its recreational value and the local community who use it.
- To date an email request by me for specific information about the sale/lease of this public open space has been ignored by Bury MBC's property department this alone renders this open space process defective.
- Why has Bury Council failed to state in its public notices about this proposed sale that this open public space is a children's play/recreational area ?

Please confirm receipt of this objection letter by return which I reserve the right to add to should the information requested in earlier emails actually be provided.

Yours faithfully

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#### **Objection 4**

I am a local resident, living on Peel Brow estate Ramsbottom. I am extremely upset that a temporary mobile phone mast has been placed on our children's park. I understand that planning has been agreed to make this permanent. The mast has been placed at the heart of our community, on our children's park which is also a much used recreation/exercise area for local people, aside our allotments, very close to our vulnerable adult care facility, and recklessly close to our homes. The temporary mast has been pumping out diesel fumes since it was initiated, this has caused awful fumes to be released without care into our community. Workmen have left the site with deep holes, torn up grass and churned up mud without any concern for the safety of local residents who exercise daily at the site. Our community has had little or no say in this matter, it has been imposed on us in a very authoritarian way and we all feel violated and down trodden. This has been especially difficult during the pandemic as it has affected our ability to get together and protest our concerns. I implore you to communicate with Clare Cummins, our representative in this matter and give us an opportunity to stop the mast being installed permanently and the swift removal of the temporary mast. If a mast is a must have requirement, please allow communities to be part of those consultations and decisions about where we all agree they should be placed.