

Good Day Joy

As representing the DCF, I hereby object to the following application:

- Corner of Ridge & Robyn Road, Langeberg Ridge
- Case No. 70190183 - File Reference: TE18/6/1/12/18
- 25m Cell Mast

The objections are based on the following:

1. In all my years of dealing with cell masts this must rate as one of the worst. The DCF states that the positioning of the mast is totally 'reckless'. What the so called motivation very cleverly fails to mention is the glaring fact that this monstrosity is literally within a few meters from a housing complex? (I went to the site and can confirm this fact) The DCF would like to state even further is that the CEO's of all the service providers should be held liable for even allowing this application based on where the mast is situated.
2. The applicant states the 25m cell mast does not trigger an EIA. The DCF disputes this. Any mast higher than 15m should trigger an EIA process. Just on this basis alone an objection is warranted.
3. The DCF has no problem with cell masts away from residential areas but then the mast must also blend in as far as possible.
4. The applicant states that the visual impact is acceptable? Really? It will stand out like a rocket towering over a dense residential area.
5. The DCF is concerned about public safety with powerful transmitters in the heart of a residential area. This type of communication equipment which emits radio waves 24hours a day should be constructed in areas where it is not in close proximity to residential areas.
6. The DCF would like a direct answer from the top management of the service provider. If you are so confident of your infrastructure would you subject your family to living right next to a cell mast?
7. There are times when one must step back and ask oneself, what is the real impact of the situation! This monstrosity just cannot be allowed in this particular area. This is right up against a residential area and no matter how one tries to disguise the fact this will be very noticeable. To have waves beaming around in such close proximity to a residential area is unnerving.
8. The DCF states that It must be proven beyond all doubt by the applicant that it does NOT affect the health of humans and other living organisms. The very fact that there are studies worldwide for and against regarding safety the DCF will rather side on safety first till proven wrong. There is much concern from residents regarding these masts and there is a ground swell from communities opposing these towers in residential areas
9. The DCF requests that the communities concerns are very seriously taken note of.
10. This mast is extremely undesirable in the current position
11. It is strongly recommended that a site visit be done to see exactly where the mast is situated

Further Comment

If however this base station does get authorized the DCF will insist on an Electro Magnetic Field (EMF) assessment after construction and that every year (end of January) that this reading be done and the report submitted to Durbanville Council and the DCF. (I have already suggested to Council to having EMF assessments done every year for all types of communication masts within Durbanville. When one looks around within residential and CBD high density populated areas it is frightening just how many telecommunication towers inclusive of dishes which emit direct beams there are.

The DCF states that should this application come before the Sub-Council that the DCF be notified of this. The DCF hereby also requests to appear before Sub-Council to state its case regarding this application, however if the affected surrounding community wants to represent then the DCF will stand aside. The DCF also reserves the right to further comment if information is forthcoming which was not available at the time of the comment period and which could have a direct bearing as to the outcome of the application. Please confirm that you have received this objection

Regards

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