

DEPARTMENT OF GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

ORIGINATING SECTION: Planning.

REPORT TO: Planning & Highways Committee – 11th July 2019
TITLE: Petition regarding Full Planning Application for the installation of a 25m telecommunications mast and associated equipment.

**At: Livesey Urban Park,
Livesey Branch Road,
Feniscowles,
Blackburn,
BB2 4NE**

Ref: 10/19/0365

Applicant: Internexus

Ward: Ewood

**Councillor Maureen Bateson MBE
Councillor Jamie Groves
Councillor Jim Casey**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of the receipt of a petition relating to the above planning application.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND DETAILS

2.1 A planning application for the above development was received on 23rd April 2019 and was registered on 29th May 2019.

2.2 One petition containing 303 signatures against the proposal was received on 21st June 2019. The reasons against the proposal are given as follows:

2.3 Reasons:

- Electromagnetic radiation which the masts emit may have a detrimental effect on health, flora and fauna and bat colonies in the area.
- Research on the effects of mast emissions has found that this may cause DMA damage in the brain cells of wildlife.
- If it's damaging to the wildlife what harm will it have on the local residents.

- Safety

2.4 At the time of the Petition Report being prepared, no decision on the application had been reached, and the application is still being considered.

3.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the receipt of the petitions.

4.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

4.1 Planning application 10/19/0365 contains details of the application and can be viewed at:

[http://planningdms.blackburn.gov.uk/NorthgateIM.websearch/\(S\(ujm22w451ykoix45dyqyu1qq\)\)/Results.aspx](http://planningdms.blackburn.gov.uk/NorthgateIM.websearch/(S(ujm22w451ykoix45dyqyu1qq))/Results.aspx)

5.0 **CONTACT OFFICER** – Rebecca Halliwell – Planner 01254 585118

6.0 **DATE PREPARED** – 25th June 2019.

Planning permission 3 Royshaw Close

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The householders in Royshaw Close take pride in their properties and surroundings

The shed that has been constructed on the side of number 3 with the black doors and the corrugated plastic windows is the first thing you see as you approach the Close and the residents feel it is not in keeping with the aesthetics of the area

REQUESTS TO LANDSCAPE THE FRONT

Previously to the present owners purchase this was a lawn and trees I didn't know landscaping consisted of removing every bit of greenery and replacing it with tarmac without placing any drainage which results in surface water running onto the footpath and across the road to the drain

What does worry me is that the house attached to it is for sale and if the new owners think this is acceptable we could be approaching the Close and looking at the equivalent of a municipal carpark .

The three large spotlights on the front of the house are more in keeping with an industrial estate these are offensive to the neighbours on the opposite side of the Close as they are positioned wrongly and set so sensitive that anyone walking on the Close, passing traffic or even a cat will activate them .

The result is the bedrooms and lounges of the houses are continually floodlit by lights switching on and off as each one is activated we have photographic evidence of this

One of the neighbours has great difficulties due to an eye condition and has made several requests to him personally to adjust them but this has been ignored

THE REQUEST FOR RETENTION OF SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION

When he purchased the property the house was identical to the attached semi with a detached garage .

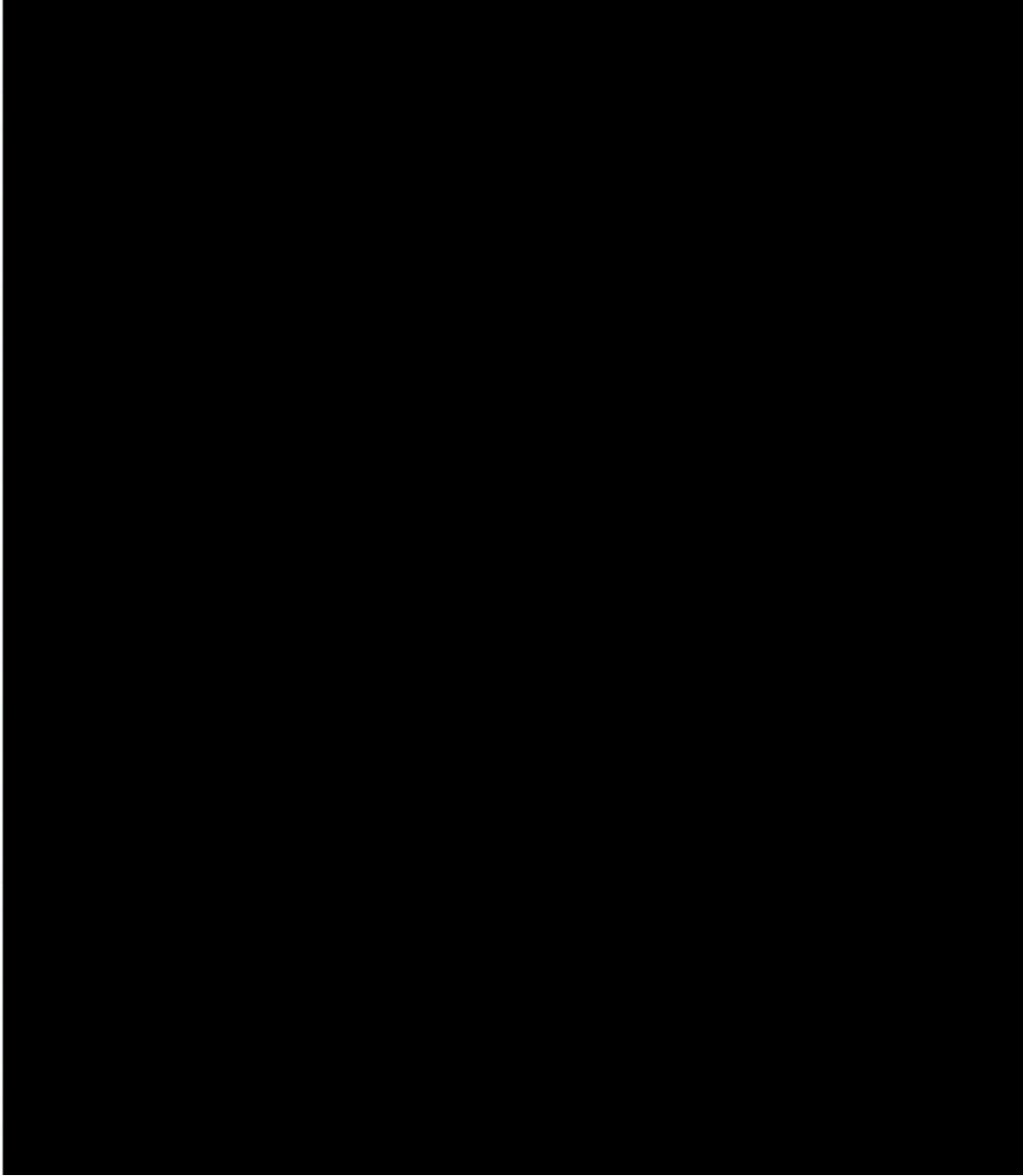
All the buildings have been added and attached by the current owner

Many of us have lived here for nearly fifty years and and new neighbours have all

joined into the community of the Close we enjoy the scenery and wildlife this environment brings

What we as neighbours cannot understand is why anyone would purchase a property if you dislike the environment so much that you have to destroy all the greenery surrounding it as well as claiming extra land at the rear then removing all the trees and shrubs from that piece of land.

The level of the back garden has been raised with hardcore ignoring drainage issues before erecting what is in fact a retaining wall and calling it an activity wall, ugly shed like buildings, tarmac everywhere, and prison like fencing, surveillance cameras and huge security lights at both the rear and front of the property this is very disconcerting for a quiet cul de sac



Residents of Royshaw Avenue BB1 8RJ

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3 Royshaw Close

We the residents of Royshaw Avenue who live in close proximity to the property do not feel that the work so far undertaken is in keeping with the area and wish to lodge the following concerns with regard to this retrospective application:

Corrugated plastic windows in the side extension.

Large industrial style door to side extension.

Security lighting that is very sensitive and often intrusive.

An activity wall that is also a retaining wall.

Cannot find a new side gate.

Landscaping to the front consists of tarmac paving the entire area. Water runoff from such a large area could cause damage to neighbouring gardens/property.

