

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)

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