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Dear friends and supporters,

I hope everyone is well.

There was great knowledge sharing at our informal catch up meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks to all who came, it was a good gathering. The discussion was wide-ranging, a lot of expertise and information was shared. Though the venue was not too noisy, I hope to find a quieter place for next time, which accepts cash of course.

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## 1. Our Letter to Merton Council 14/11/22...now awaiting a response

Dear Councillors Stringer, Galea, Kohler and Holden,

I would like to submit this discussion for your consideration: <a href="https://rfinfo.co.uk/mendip-council-health-impact-based-mast-refusal/">https://rfinfo.co.uk/mendip-council-health-impact-based-mast-refusal/</a>

I am happy to discuss and provide information regarding the leap in energy use of 5G and small cell infrastructure represents, especially in light of the fact Merton Council has declared a climate emergency. Here is our published article which should serve as an overview: <a href="https://envirotecmagazine.com/2021/11/08/how-green-is-5g/">https://envirotecmagazine.com/2021/11/08/how-green-is-5g/</a>

Cllr Stringer shares the view with Merton Council, which has looked into the subject carefully, that it is not a cause for concern.

We would like transparency on this please and ask the following questions:

- Does this mean the Council, as a competent body, weighed up the evidence and did this independently?
- What subject areas were considered in relation to topic?
- What evidence was considered and what were the sources?
- What was the process of coming to the Council's view?
- What reasoning formed the basis of the view?
- Who was involved in this process?
- Has cradle-to-grave/full-lifecycle energy use of wireless networks been considered?

Knowing the above means that scrutiny of the topic would be constructive and focussed.

There may be an assumption of an oppositional dynamic resulting from engagement with us by some of our representatives and the council more generally. However, 5G in Merton would like dialogue where we can work together in a respectful, mutually shared spirit of open and honest exploration.

Though I had concerns about privacy and data collection, I was initially sceptical of the issues relating to health and partly looked into the topic to allay a friend's concerns. I do not have the symptoms of electro-sensitivity personally, I like technology generally (wired beats wireless in most aspects including energy use), but what I and many residents found differs from what Merton Council found. We need to understand why.

Yours sincerely, 5G in Merton



## 2. Why do we often face a blinkered approach from our representatives?

The processes and policy in local planning promotes a dangerously blinkered approach when it comes to 5G. Such an approach does not even consider the presence of existing masts located close to the most vulnerable in schools, hospitals and homes. Planners work for the people but it is government which directly exerts pressures on them-setting the parameters of their responsibility by policy. Too often that's where the story ends. See this planning meeting held on 29/9/22 (around the 8 min mark)

In fact, by law they need to take an evidence-based approach and this trumps guidance/policy. One senses planners who do this would be seen as "rocking the boat". This is a reasonable assumption given the context. Government is **promoting** accelerated implementation of 5G, **sponsoring** research into it and **incentivising** councils and telcos to deliver unimpeded roll-out.

The organisational behaviour and culture which then results causes government bodies to orient itself away from grassroots concerns however well-founded without being aware of it in many cases. When group-think takes hold, it convinces some in its grip they are working for the social good even in the face of all evidence to the contrary.

With our efforts we intend to break the spell and move towards reality. It requires an understanding that very often people's beliefs are based on emotion to a greater extent than they are aware of. Their will be holes in the story/narrative underpinning their belief. We have to be sensitive to this and not play "gotcha!", no one likes to feel foolish or that they have been tricked. For example councils declaring a climate emergency and prioritising responsible energy allow the 5G hog, turning away from reality: Rising energy bills to delay 5G rollout in Europe, Vodafone exec says

The above combined with relentless marketing of 5G and marginalisation of campaigners who are framed as unthinking, misguided crazies makes people less receptive or open. Interestingly, even <u>Psychology Today</u> seems to be under the spell.

This reminds me of a study done to see how capable those in the mental health profession are at recognising mental illness. With approval from authorities, a social scientist placed people in various mental health institutions in the U.S. to see how long it would take for them to be recognised as being well and told to go on their way.

They never were. None of the "patients" were listened to, making it necessary for the social scientist to intervene. But he was not listened to either! It required him going to court to free them from craziness of mental health professionals.

<u>This article</u> beautifully sums up how the inversion is operating at an international level, it's written by John Pilger for Consortium News.



## 3. Breaking the Spell

#### Be aware:

- 1. People's understanding of reality/narrative often linked to emotions, more than to facts, this means being irrefutable doesn't have the expected effect.
- 2. Information works in its own time, akin to sowing seeds.
- 3. Truth has it's own power, even if people don't appear receptive.

I recommend doing the following to maximise our chances to break the spell:

- 1. **Absorb** the information
- 2 Understand
  - "Turning a deaf ear into a listening one." in <u>bulletin no.4</u>
  - the information in <a href="https://reachingpeople.net">https://reachingpeople.net</a>
- 3. **Tone:** Be straightforward, open, calm and approachable- don't exaggerate.
- 4. Ask questions: be genuinely curious, allowing people to answer how they will.
- 5. **Respect:** Give space for people to come to their own conclusions, even if they are not what you favour
- 6. **Rapport:** Work as much as possible with grain of people not against, find points of agreement as a basis for further discussion. Make it an experience people will reflect on positively.
- 7. **Listen** to rather than talk at people. Avoid the win or lose dynamic, may be you will have sown seeds for thought even if it doesn't seem so.
- 8. **Engage:** Humour, music and video helps, making it easier for people to look into the information. It helps to break down barriers and preconceptions.
- 9. **Relax:** Still not being heard? Know *you've done all you can*, no hard feelings, happily walk away!



## 4. Media Selection



1. 2 min video introducing the issues



2. <u>US Senator Blumenthal Raises Concerns on 5G</u> Wireless Technology Health Risks at Senate Hearing



3. <u>Dr. Sharon Goldberg testifying in opposition to</u> 5G wireless infrastructure



4. <u>Frank Clegg, Former Microsoft Canada President</u>
<u>Challenges Telecom On 5G safety</u>



5. <u>5G Trojan Horse</u>, the best documentary I have seen on the topic



6. <u>Panorama Wifi Warning Signal</u> (From 2007)- the video is set to start at a key point



7. <u>Boris Johnson warns of the dangers to freedom</u> posed by smart city tech to the United Nations



8. <u>Resonance Beings of Frequency</u>- Importance of Schumann Resonance, with **Ingrid of 5G in Merton** 



9. We do not Consent to 5G People from around the world expressing their concerns



10. Music Video: <u>5G Do Not Consent</u>



11. Funny but true: No Amount of Evidence



12. Excellent Leaflet to Distribu





# 5. AA5G Judicial Review Hearing on 13th December.

The date for our hearing is confirmed, please pray for the truth to prevail:

The full day Court Hearing will take place at The Royal Courts of Justice on Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Tuesday, 13th December.

The legal team have completed the preparation of the Exhibits, Statements and Reports and are now ready for the case to be heard.

The work on the Court bundles has been enormous, the commitment of our legal team has been outstanding and the preparation of documentation quite astonishing. Their dedication is unrivalled and for their 32 months of diligent work we are enormously grateful.

We want to thank every one of you for your wonderful donations, your support and for your greatly appreciated comments. Your trust in our work on the challenge we share has encouraged us immeasurably.

Your continued support would be very welcome as there are outstanding legal costs.

We would love you to join with us and focus on bringing truth, wisdom and justice to the Court on the day.

And please share this news, this appeal and our website: <a href="https://actionagainst5g.org">https://actionagainst5g.org</a> where there is information, news and blogs. Many more people are learning of the harm caused by radiation to all life, that affects their children's health and the environment, and there has been no environmental risk assessment of the effects of 5G. They may gladly wish to support this case.

There will be a meeting at a local venue after the hearing where our legal adviser Lorna Hackett will be present to share information about the proceedings. We will make a further announcement about the venue closer to the time.



#### 6. Telecommunications Infrastructure (Consultation) Bill.

Action: Please contact your MP and ask him to support this bill which is at second reading stage. https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3225

It is a Bill to make provision about mandatory local consultation in relation to the installation of telecommunications infrastructure in residential areas; and for connected purposes. It may be in response to the the government removing the ability of local communities to push-back on such infrastructure as laid out here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-laws-to-end-mobile-coverage-no-bar-blues

Dame Diana Johnson MP for Kingston upon Hull North, is sponsoring the bill. You may want to contact her <u>johnsond@parliament.uk</u> to ask for more details and to thank her.

7. Making email more secure



One of the biggest issues we have with 5G is privacy. With this in mind, I urge everyone to have access to a more secure, private email account. I am familiar with Protonmail <a href="https://proton.me/mail">https://proton.me/mail</a>. It's very simple to set up and use, partly due to its intuitive interface.

If you would like to move your emails from Gmail, Outlook, Yahoo and other providers to Proton Mail with one-click, you can use this: <a href="https://proton.me/easyswitch">https://proton.me/easyswitch</a>



### 8.Telcos Trying Their Luck in Brighton & Hove Again



Remember a year go 22/11/21 when the parents of the pupils attending St Peter's school stopped a 5G mast going up close to the school?

They succeeded when their grounds for judicial review were not contested by the council. Here's a reminder:

- 1. "The Council unlawfully determined that the highway safety implications of the cabinets and the concerns expressed by the Council's highways team were not a relevant consideration:
- 2. The Council **failed to address the health impacts** of this particular proposal and to obtain adequate evidence of the assessment of the proximity to the school and the amended proposal; and
- 3. The Council failed to consider whether the facility could be sited on an existing building or structure, the Interested Party having failed to provided any evidence on the matter"

#### Now the parents have provided this update:

"A re-application has been made once again for a 15m 5G Monopole phone mast, **27m** from our school. Our judicial review quashed this application in November 2021. WHP telecom have attempted to correct their failings this time. However they have not properly investigated 'mast sharing or upgrading existing structures' which was one of the points the council conceded on.

We are hopeful the council will refuse this application, but we also need there to be lots of objections from the public.

The deadline for public comment is **30th November 2022**. We would be extremely grateful if you can raise an objection for us. **Just a couple of sentences would be great**.



#### Here's how:

BH2022/03457 | Installation of 15m high Phase 8 Monopole with wrapround cabinet at base and installation of 3no ancillary cabinets. | Land South of 91 Fishersgate Terrace Portslade (brighton-hove.gov.uk)

- 1. Click on the above link
- 2. Login/Register
- 3. Click the comment tab to make your comment

You can also email them on **Planning.Applications@brighton-hove.gov.uk**Or by post to **Planning department, Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3QB** 

For further information please contact <u>notomastatstpeters@gmail.com</u>

## 9. Would you like to join an informal group to make schools safer?

There are 2 or 3 people who want to explore dealing with RFR/EMR safety in our schools. let me know if you would also be interested to join them.

I think this <u>Panorama video</u> is a useful resource. Here are some others: <a href="https://www.wirelessriskassessment.org/">https://www.wirelessriskassessment.org/</a> may be good route because it seems to carry weight. Just to break down the process a little to make it possibly more approachable:

- It is worth clicking on "Risk Assessment" menu item on the left to read the "Introduction for Example Risk Assessment" as it gives context.
- There is also an example assessment. I would think it can be copied for most schools as it would be relevant to most. Or you can lift just the ones that best work for you
- Plus you should be able to get advice: <u>contact@wirelessriskassessment.org</u>.

Schools have a responsibility to safeguard children (as this <u>victory highlights</u>), not to protect inaccurate govt reports or the telecoms industry. **Cece Doucette** is very clear on wireless in schools. Her videos can be shared with parents, governers and teachers. She is well informed, clear and does not browbeat. These videos of hers can get a conversation going:

https://youtu.be/fxvkX4OeBpk & https://youtu.be/loFI\_8-Yt0g

Diane Hanson founded <a href="https://ssita.org.uk/">https://ssita.org.uk/</a> (Safe Schools Information Technology Alliance). She has a lot of experience. Her site has letters, leaflets and videos tailored for parents, busy parents and teachers. There is a contact number 0121 704 9988 and an online contact form.

SSITA may have experience and views relating to the wireless risk assessment and how to use it. This grassroots group has been going for a long time, so are able to provide the benefit of their experience.



## 10. Sharing Your Talents

#### Research and writing

I am looking for people to research topics and write for our newsletter.

There are always things that need looking into. We would like to share information about them in a clear, concise, accessible, engaging, measured and honest way. Providing links to source material where possible is also important. We want to do our best to appeal to people who are knowledgeable as well as those new to the subject.

That's not to say it cannot be done with a lightness of touch. I have found that humourous aspects come into view when issues are researched, often in the form of irony and the ridiculous. Creative approaches are welcome too, so information could be put across in terms of allegory (<a href="here">here</a>'s an example</a>), video, audio or pictorially (as below). It's up to you, as long as we don't stray away from what we know and/or exaggerate, even when covering emotive areas. No swearing, yes even when it comes to people who simply refuse to engage with evidence (often in a dishonest way),

#### **Proof-reading**

If you are would like to lend your proof-reading skills. That would increadibly usefil!

### Doing things in the field

Taking and recording EMR readings. Tracking and filming effects of EMR on plant life for example over time.

#### **Leaflet/Flyer distribution**

I have noticed we have failed to stop some masts from going up because those living closest did not object. In delegated reports, it notes people (us!) sent in objections but those in the affected neighbourhood had not. So we need some outreach to grow awareness and increase our sway. Hammersmith and Fulham group have had great success in this way.

#### Something else?

Is there something you are interested in doing? Do you have a particular area of interest you would like to focus on (like the EMR safety in schools discussed in the previous section)? Let me know and we can explore things.

#### **Sharing Your Goods and Services**

I recommend the <a href="https://standtogether.org.uk/">https://standtogether.org.uk/</a> directory to see what's on offer and to add your details. It is the most usable of its kind I have come across and brings together other "awakened" directories.

It's been put together by Pedro, a member of the Carshalton Stand in the Park:



"Should you be a small business owner within Kent or Surrey and would like to be listed on our pages, please feel free to get in touch with us by emailing hello@standtogether.org.uk with details of your business."

I am sure they will be open to those in other areas too.

## 11. National Residents Association & Merton Together Group





The National Residents' Association are working hard to bring some sanity when it comes to 5G and other issues. If your residents' association want to leverage its power in association with them they can look them up:

Website: <a href="https://www.nationalresidentsassociation.co.uk/">https://www.nationalresidentsassociation.co.uk/</a>
Telegram channel: <a href="https://t.me/NationalResidentsAssociation">https://t.me/NationalResidentsAssociation</a>

I had the pleasure of being interviewed by Cassie Langford of the National Residents' Association a couple of weeks ago. <u>Listen to the podcast here.</u>



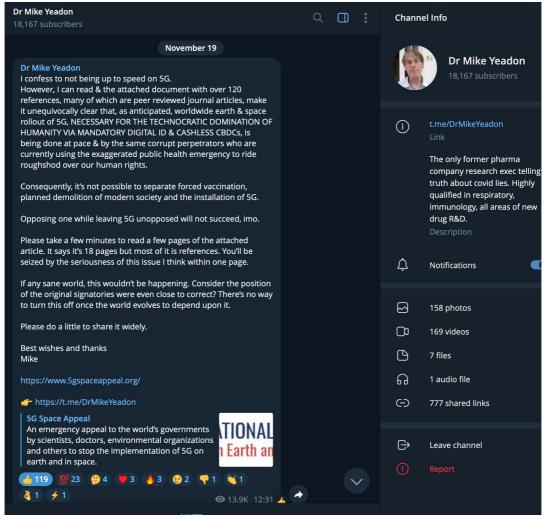


Merton Together group is very supportive of 5G in Merton. It meets every month in Colliers Wood and uses templates to make campaigning as simple as possible. The group has made a positive impact at a national level. If you're interested:

Website: <a href="https://togetherdeclaration.org/">https://togetherdeclaration.org/</a>

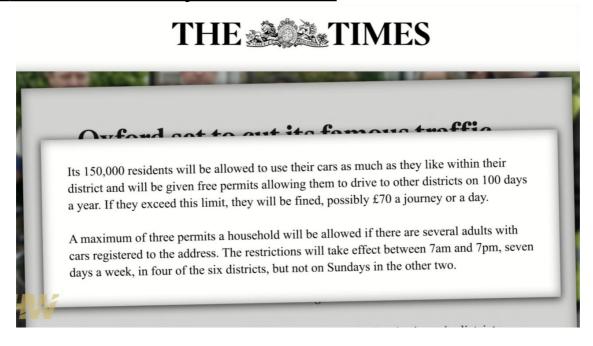
Merton Together Email: Felinestrength@proton.me

At a national level there is scepticism when it comes to the myriad problems of 5G. Though Dr Mike Yeadon who the group hold in high regard is clear on the matter:





#### 12. Use of Sensors/IoTs by Local Authorities



Few people are discussing the sensors being spread in our boroughs. From the Sustainable Communities meeting I observed in early 2022 there's little if any oversight of their use- the planning department is by-passed/not involved.

The kind of things Boris Johnson discussed in the video in section 4 is relevant here. I have emailed Merton Council about this but it looks like FOI requests via <a href="https://www.com">whatdotheyknow.com</a> are required as I've not a had reply.

The over-arching question is: What does our council consider acceptable and unacceptable use of sensors now and in the future?

Merton and other councils have partnered with <a href="https://www.innovateproject.org/">https://www.innovateproject.org/</a> to deploy these sensors/internet of things. The InnOvaTe project states its sensors on our lamp posts are there to count traffic and monitor air quality.

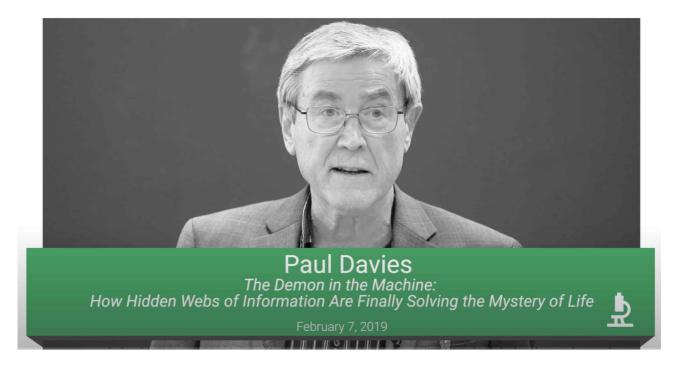
In 5 years, I wonder how many of these sensors are planned to be in the borough and for what purposes?

The InnOvaTe project justifies the use of social distancing IoT by saying "Council has an obligation to support Government guidelines". If this is a guideline not debated in parliament how can this be an obligation on the council? It is not law.

Has a risk-assessment been done on the potential negative impacts on community cohesion, individual freedom, social needs, mental and physical health of people?



## 12. Epigenetic effects of EMR



This portentously titled video: <u>The Demon in The Machine</u> gives lie to the position that man-made EMR does not affect our genes.

There are chapters included in the video, the key part is from 34 mins to around 38 mins. You may also want to watch the chapter 'Information in Biology' starting at 14 mins.

It's a useful video because:

- 1. Paul Davies is a well known, respected physicist and people seem to attach importance to brand names when it comes to the 5G discussion.
- 2. The point of interest is the observed, repeated, epigenetic effects, of EMR on worms is matter of factly and uncontroversially presented because this is incidental to the main thrust of the talk
- 3. It's visual, he show slides with photographs of the effects on worms.
- 4. It is looking at the reality from a different standpoint (information in biology) which is unexpected, therefore memorable and powerful. Many experts who fail to see harms beyond tissue heating would have trouble dealing with it when their reference points are so narrow.
- 5. Can start a conversation with people who otherwise would not engage.