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Dear Councillors Stringer, Galea and Kohler

I would like to submit this discussion for your consideration:

<https://rfinfo.co.uk/mendip-council-health-impact-based-mast-refusal/>

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:

<https://envirotecmagazine.com/2021/11/08/how-green-is-5g/>

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 the 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

Subsequent Council Meeting email sent 5/4/23:

Cllr Eleanor Stringer said our council has carefully looked into mobile transmitter risks, including 5G and found no cause for concern. What was the evidence and process used in the investigation and was energy consumption of the infrastructure included within it?