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Peter Luff MP
House of Commons
London
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Dear Peter

Re: Bishampton and Throckmorton Parish Council

Thank you for your letter to Ed Richards dated 20 June 2007 on behalf of the Bishampton and Throckmorton Parish Council, with regard to their concerns about the forthcoming installation of a mobile phone mast.

Mobile Network Operators (MNO) may establish, install and use radio equipment anywhere in the UK, in accordance with their WT Act Licences, which are issued by Ofcom. Ofcom does not have statutory responsibilities related to planning, this is the responsibility of the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), who I note you have already addressed the concerns of your constituents to.

With regard to your constituents' concerns about the potential health effects of the mast, this is also a matter that falls outside Ofcom's remit. The Health Protection Agency (HPA) are the experts in this area and further information is available on their website at: www.hpa.org.uk/radiation/. The HPA can be contacted at:

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