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Dear Ms Morris

Re: Phone Mast issue in Bishampton, Worcs – Letter to Peter Luff MP

Thank you for your further letter dated 10th September 2007 concerning your additional questions on planning for mobile phone masts.

With regards to your two main points, (A) and (B), these are planning matters which are the responsibility of the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). We have forwarded your letter to the DCLG and asked them to reply directly to you.

With regards to your comment about monitoring emissions, Ofcom can, on request, measure the emissions levels near to base stations. Details of the Ofcom audit of base station emissions may be found at <http://www.sitefinder.ofcom.org.uk/faq.htm> including a registration form for requesting audits to be undertaken. The emphasis of the program continues to be with schools and hospitals (as outlined in the Stewart Report) although we will consider requests for surveys in locations where there is unrestricted public access and concern about signal levels. We cannot audit within private homes. Please note though that Ofcom's remit is only the measurement (not any wider interpretation) of field strengths, to ensure compliance with guidance published by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP).

Yours sincerely
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