

Meeting of the Council, Thursday, 24 October 2019
Public Question Under Standing Order A24

Public Question (1) from Julie Harrison to the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Adults and Public Health (Councillor Stockman).

I would like to again draw your attention to the subject of 5G frequency emissions, and its potential adverse health effects on our community in which I've lived for 55 years.

5G technology, which uses the "pulsed millimetre frequency spectrum" has had no adequate or credible long term health testing on anything organic that has life force energy. This, of course, includes human beings, and I urge you to very seriously consider whether you will allow the installation and operation of 5G in our town until there is further testing, and much more clarity and truth about its consequential health effects on human beings, especially children and the environment including trees, pollinators, animals, birds and insects. There is a massive worldwide resistance to the prospect of exposure to this unprecedented level of debilitating frequency emissions that has never had any finite health assurances from either the providers or from central government.

Other towns in the UK, Glastonbury and Frome have invoked the "Precautionary Principle" and Totnes Council have opted to declare a "Moratorium". There are also many other UK towns and cities that are currently and imminently deliberating to "press the pause button" in order to first fully understand and comprehend the ramifications of 5G in order to make a correct and informed decision. It would be commendable, and correct for this council to be seen to be proactive by demonstrating a 'duty of environmental care' to your community by at least taking the precautionary route. The subject of 5G has been, and is still a current debate in the "parliamentary halls" due to lack of health assurances, more and more MPs are expressing their concerns.

At some point in the near future, as a Council, you will be approached by government endorsed contractors to begin the process of 5G hardware and street furniture installation, (they no longer need planning consents or permissions for this work) I suggest and urge you to begin to formulate a policy and a stance for this eventuality, preferably, no to 5G is a good choice for health and wellbeing, especially for our current generations children who are certainly the most at risk from from the effects of this particular type of radiation.

In my own experience so far, the preliminary installation process will normally begin, with indiscriminate and selective tree felling, as trees inhibit the 5G signal. Also there maybe a compulsory directive for you to upgrade your street lighting and street furniture in order to host 5G urban aerials every 100 metres. You may well be asked to contribute to this cost of installation.

I was appalled to see the recent tree felling in Italy, of avenues of ancient trees in a semi-rural town reduced to stumps to make way for 5G, this is a typical and ongoing procedure worldwide, are you prepared to endorse this?

I would emphatically implore all of you here, who serve the community as their responsible representatives, to be proactive in this matter, and do please look at and read the information folders that I have left for each you.

Please do consult with the residents and listen to their wishes, fears and health concerns, because you as a council have the immediate responsibility for community health and wellbeing, and also the responsibility if you are negligent in not being proactive to address these concerns especially if there are then later consequences to be answered.

I am concerned enough to put myself at your disposal to explain 5G further at your leisure, or to arrange a presentation with peer-reviewed evidence and/or expert witnesses on the subject (both medical and scientific) to help you to have a better overview and understanding of 5G in order to make an informed and balanced decision of what this council should do next.