



23/0157/PNT Telecoms Mast

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By Email to: lauradymond@exeter.gov.uk

Dear Laura,

Exeter Cycling Campaign has reviewed [23/0157/PNT](#) 'Installation of 16m high 5G monopole, and associated equipment cabinets | Prince Charles Road' and wish to object to this application.

From our analysis it appears this installation would reduce the width of the shared pavement from 2.95m to 2.11m. A shared path of less than 3m falls short of the LTN1/20 standard and this installation is likely to reduce the shared path width for about 8m.

This path is part of Devon County Council's exemplar 'E4' east-west route. Extending and improving upon this cycle path forms part of the DCC LCWIP proposals, currently out for consultation. To allow this path to be degraded by a utility installation, particularly when there are alternatives available, is a retrograde step.

Good cycle infrastructure is vital for enabling children to cycle to school and enabling people to make the shift from car to bike. Our city and county's strategies for the climate crisis, for increasing activity levels and for improving our air all depend on reducing car journeys and increasing walking and cycling journeys.

The few bits of good cycle infrastructure in the city cannot be allowed to be degraded.

Our assessment is that the applicant has taken the easy option of finding a site on public land which makes their installation as easy as possible. Their assessment of other sites appears cursory and doesn't properly consider other viable options. There is space within the verges of this road to accommodate the installation without compromising the space dedicated to walking and cycling. Furthermore, we would challenge the argument that putting the equipment in the Morrisons car park would 'detrimentally affect the daily operations'.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Walton

for and on behalf of:

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