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PE 1465

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Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 3:35 PM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council
Subject: Petition No. 1465 - 499 Mile Lane Middletown
Attachments: 2020-2030 Middletown POCD Adopted 1.13.2021 FINAL-1.pdf; GS 8-24 2021-19 LU Staff Memo.pdf

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Connecticut Siting Council,

My name is Michael Siteman, I am a resident of Middletown, CT, and live at 29 Talias Trail. I have been informed of the proposed additional cell tower for 499 Mile Lane. This tower would be in direct line of sight from the many homes in the area, and I am hoping you will block the approval.

I have attached the 2020-2030 Middletown POCD, which was adopted by the town in January 2021. On the first page of the report, The Vision for the Town of Middletown by 2030, there is a clear line that states "Telecommunication infrastructure will be available to every home and business and will be hidden from view." This goal is mentioned multiple times in the document, specifically on pages 40, 58, and 77. I do not understand how less than a year later, the town is looking to construct a tower that is in clear sight of public view.

I have also attached the internal Middletown Land Use memo in which they acknowledge this blatant contradiction.

The logic seems to be, there is already a tower build at this site, so what harm is a second one? A new eyesore does not matter if it is next to an old eyesore? I understand that leases for telecommunication devices can be quite profitable for the town, but it should not come at the expense of the tax-paying residents surrounded by it.

I strongly ask that this council reject the proposed construction and have them find a new location.

Thank you for your time.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Middletown Planning & Zoning Commission

FROM: Marek Kozikowski, AICP, Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marek Kozikowski".

DATE: August 10, 2021

RE: **CGS 8-24 Referral (GS 8-24 2021-19)**
Lease Agreement on New Cell Monopole
499 Mile Lane (10-0030)

Proposal

The City of Middletown/Middletown Public Schools submitted a request for a favorable report for a lease agreement on a new cell monopole to be constructed on city property located at 499 Mile Lane in the signing of a lease to a new restaurant seeking to occupy the existing building at 311 Hunting Hill Avenue in the R-15 zone pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 8-24.

A new 150ft tall monopole structure with associate ground-mounted mechanical equipment will be installed at the property adjacent to the existing 180ft tall lattice cell tower. The review of the monopole and associated equipment is under the purview of the Connecticut Citi Council which has authority over local zoning.

The lease would be to New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC (AT&T). The terms of the lease is to occupy 2,500 SF of land and the air space above. The terms of the lease are for 5 years with automatic renewals of 5 additional 5 year terms.

2020 Plan of Conservation and Development

The 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development has a goal that the telecommunications infrastructure be available to all and hidden from public view. The additional service should provide improved cellular service in this area of the city, but the pole and antennas are far from hidden from view. The proposed location seems favorable than other locations in the city because there is the existing tower in the direct vicinity of the proposed location. It is visible from many vantage points, but somewhat less obtrusive than the existing lattice tower or the proposed monopine design, where it attempts to mask the pole by mimicking an isolated 150ft tall pine tree.