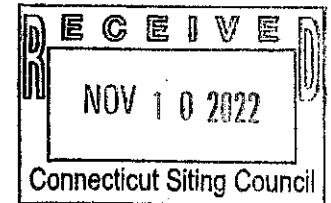


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To: Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Tara Carr Remarks for the 3 November 2022 Siting Council, DOCKET NO. 512 –
Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T application
for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction,
maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 60 Vale Road,
Brookfield, Connecticut

“Good evening, my name is Tara Carr. I am the First Selectwoman of Brookfield. This 60 Vale Road (Brookfield, CT) tower proposal is one rooted in providing a convenience (faster WiFi and increased personal cell phone coverage) rather than necessity. True, there are parts of Brookfield where cell phone coverage is degraded depending on service provider, but I am not in favor of a tower that will ultimately host technology that produces an additional overlay of various microwave radiation frequencies and wavelengths of pulsed modulated microwave radiation.


I cannot support this effort knowing there is no conclusive evidence suggesting that radiation technology is not harmful to human health and wildlife, and therefore no evidence suggesting it would not be harmful to the residents of Brookfield and our environment. Again, I cannot in good conscience support anything that could possibly harm our people, our animals including bees, cows and horses for example. As the effects of radiation are still under study, I propose we wait for conclusive research as to the existence of or absence of harmful effects.

One of my primary responsibilities, which I consider my duty and obligation, is to ensure the protection of life and property of our community. Just last year the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) was challenged by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit because there were no definitive answers on environmental harm and dangerous exposure to children. The FCC was remanded and they must address the points ordered by the court. I urge we wait until we know with 100% certainty that our residents will be safe.

Regarding Brookfield's emergency communications system upgrade approved at our town referendum last spring, it is a fact that we need a structure to house our new equipment facilitating moving from 1986 analog to a digital system, but our new equipment is not 3.5Ghz power dependent. To be very clear, we do need a structure for our new communications system, however I would definitely prefer our new equipment not be coupled with additional cellular antennas or any other potentially harmful devices.

I do not support this tower because I do not support C-Band frequency (also referred to as 5G by the manufacturers) at any location in our town. We already have high microwave emissions throughout our town which could have long term implications from towers and small wireless telecommunications facilities and antennas in Brookfield as it is. I urge you to consider carefully the overwhelming facts, substantial written evidence of possible harmful effects and that there is NO significant gap in service available to wireless telecommunications services for the residents of our fine town.

The cell tower proposed is close to residential neighborhoods and day care facilities, potentially threatening their health. Ultimately, we need to ask ourselves, is more connectivity really worth the potential chronic health problems possibly associated with powerful 24-7 EMF radiation? Thank you for the opportunity to comment.”



Tara Carr 11/4/22