



# Town of Glastonbury

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**VIA FACSIMILE AND E-MAIL**

June 12, 2008

Mr. S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Mr. Phelps:

This letter is written with respect to the application by Optasite Towers, LLC for construction of a cell tower at 618 Neipsic Road or 58 Montano Road. The proposal is the subject of a public hearing in Glastonbury on Thursday, June 19, 2008.

By previous action the Town of Glastonbury is granted intervener status. I understand the Council is requesting formal comments by interveners in advance of the hearing.

As with other applications, the Council has requested the applicant to provide information on possible options to the proposal as submitted. A review of preliminary propagation analysis provided by Optasite indicates a potential option involving installation of a new antenna on an existing tower at 1616 New London Turnpike and a lower antenna at one of the locations identified in the application. The Town respectfully requests this option and any other options which reduce the visual and environmental impact of the proposal be fully evaluated.

The proposed telecommunications tower locations are generally situated in areas of important environmental protection and preservation. Both locations should be thoroughly considered with respect to environmental impact. The recently adopted Glastonbury Plan of Conservation & Development addresses the construction of new telecommunications towers as a town wide policy as follows:

“Promote utilization of existing structures and buildings for new communication transmitting towers, with new tower facilities supported only after all other alternatives are exhausted.”

This Town policy should be considered by the Council when considering the referenced application.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this important matter.

Sincerely,

  
Richard J. Johnson  
Town Manager

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## **Commercial Development**

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- 1) Minimize light pollution through the incorporation of standards that reduce light spillage while maintaining sufficient lighting for safe vehicular and pedestrian movement within commercial sites.
- 2) Promote adherence to LEED standards relative to construction of commercial buildings.

## **Transmission Facilities**

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- 1) Promote utilization of existing structures and buildings for new communication transmitting towers, with new tower facilities supported only after all other alternatives are exhausted.

## **Historic Preservation**

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- 1) Protect and preserve structures and streetscapes of historic significance as found in various locations throughout Town, including our historic district areas.

## **Town Center**

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- 1) Continue redevelopment to enhance the character of the Town Center. Use planning and design tools to promote a pedestrian and bicycle friendly environment.