

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

IN RE:
APPLICATION OF HOMELAND TOWERS, LLC
AND NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC d/b/a
AT&T FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND
PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION,
MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT 183
SOUNDVIEW LANE, TOWN OF NEW CANAAN,
CONNECTICUT
DOCKET NO. 487

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF JOSEPH SWEENEY

Joseph Sweeney hereby submits this Pre-Filed Testimony:

1. I am over the age of eighteen.
 2. I am a party to this proceeding and submit this Pre-Filed Testimony based upon my personal knowledge.
 3. My wife Kathleen and I live at 155 Soundview Lane, which is adjacent to 183 Soundview Lane, the location of the proposed tower.
 4. We purchased our home in 1995.
 5. Our home is a two-story colonial with five bedrooms and 5 full baths, and 2 one half baths, located on 4.01 acres. It was built in 1971.
 6. This is a link to a photograph of the front of our home on the New Canaan Assessor's web site:
<http://appraisalonline.newcanaanct.gov/PropertyPics/00/00/91/83.jpg>
- Exhibit 1
7. We will have a direct line of site to the proposed tower from our driveway, front yard, front porch, kitchen window and several bedroom windows.

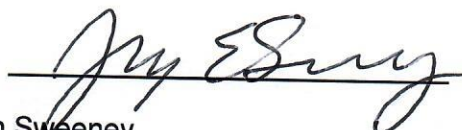
8. Attached as Exhibits 2 and 3, are photographs taken in the direction of the proposed tower from our front yard and bedroom window.
9. Attached as Exhibits 4,5 and 6 are photographs of the proposed site on Soundview Lane taken in the winter. Contrary to the application, this area does not present a dense natural vegetated buffer between the Facility and the school to the north, the street to the west and residences to the south west and south.
10. My wife and I are gravely concerned that construction of the proposed tower will adversely affect the natural and rural character of our neighborhood, which is a quiet and serene four-acre subdivision with abundant plantings, trees and wildlife.
11. We believe that the construction of the proposed tower will have a significant negative visual impact.
12. We are also extremely concerned that the construction of the proposed tower will have a significant negative impact on the value of our property, making it difficult and perhaps impossible for us to sell our home at a reasonable price.
13. Two thirds of the New Canaan Board of Selectmen, the New Canaan Town Council and the New Canaan Planning & Zoning Commission are all on record that the proposed cell tower must be in strict conformance with New Canaan Planning & Zoning Regulations for cell towers. The First Selectman supports a cell tower that is discreet, aesthetic and safe and complies with the town's regulations as much as possible.
14. The proposed tower is not in strict conformance with New Canaan Planning & Zoning Telecommunication Regulations: 7.8.G.5; 7.8.G.7; 7.8.G.13; and 7.8.G.16.
15. I have discussed this issue with experienced New Canaan realtors and have been advised that, although difficult to quantify, if constructed, the proposed tower will cause some potential purchasers to not consider our home, and worse, the tower could have a significant adverse effect on the value of my home.
16. I had planned to offer photographic evidence regarding the visibility of the proposed tower from the balloon fly. I have learned that the Siting Council has cancelled the balloon fly. Consequently, I will be unable to offer that evidence.
17. I understand that at the June 26 **New Canaan Advertiser** Zoom Coffee Meeting, First Selectman Kevin Moynihan stated there is adequate coverage in the Laurel Road / Soundview Lane area due to the 140 ft cell tower located in Vista, New York. If that is true, there is a serious question regarding the need for this cell tower on Soundview Lane, which must be weighed against the adverse impact on the residents of Soundview Lane and our property values.

18. A cellular tower should not be constructed in a residential neighborhood such as ours, especially when there are alternative locations, such as the property at 1160 Smith Ridge Road, where a tower can be constructed that would not be visible from any other residence.

19. This location would not only fully satisfy the Town of New Canaan's Cell Tower Regulations, but also the First Selectman's desire to have a discreet, aesthetic and safe cell tower, too.

I hereby certify that on this day the foregoing was sent electronically to the Connecticut Siting Council and the service list below.

July 2, 2020


Joseph Sweeney

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was sent electronically to the Connecticut Siting Council and the service list below:

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ATTACHMENT 1 SA 155 SQUOWEY LANE



EXHIBIT 2 PROPOSED SITE FROM FRONT YARD



EXHIBIT 3 PROPOSED SITE FROM BEDROOM WINDOW



EXHIBIT 4 SOUNDVIEW LANE PROPOSED SITE SHEET LEVEL



EXHIBIT 5 SOUNDVIEW LAKE PROPOSED SITE STREET LEVEL



EXHIBIT 6 SOUNDVIEW LANE PROPOSED SITE STREET LEVEL

