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cc Ward councillors

**RE: P/3907/21 Moat Lodge, London Road,**

Dear Shamal London

We wish to object to this application for the substantial mast and very large roadside cabinet installation. The proposed position is a highly sensitive one being at the very entrance to the Harrow on the Hill old high Street and in the vicinity of listed buildings. The appearance of the proposed equipment is almost unique in that there is no attempt to blend with the heritage status of the area as is achieved with other heritage style street furniture. Even electric car charger points are being concealed within heritage posts, as used in Islington. Also, no attempt to bury or otherwise conceal the equipment has been made which combined with the materials proposed is contemptuous of the conservation area, the heritage buildings and the Area of Special Character.

In the past we have had masts far more concealed by being placed on roof tops and there are mast designs which do seek to blend with their surroundings, such as resembling trees. Quite why the applicant can't seek to work with the community by identifying areas with suitable transmission, or multiple areas including the use of two or more smaller masts or unidirectional ones such that they don't have to breach the summit, is disappointing.

The planning arguments have been clearly set out in the response from the CAAC and from Harrow School, and those points are endorsed in their entirety by the Harrow Hill Trust and so please treat them as being repeated here in this objection.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, Harrow Hill Trust Planning Committee