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Dear Mr Ahuja,

I am writing to you on behalf of my constituents, specifically a group of residents who live on or around Arthur Road, Wimbledon, London.

These residents are very concerned about the proposal by Orange to build a mobile phone mast on top of 169 Arthur Road. As you will know, many people have concerns about the health effects of electromagnetic transmissions, especially on children. 169 Arthur Road is very near a nursery school.

The Government's Stuart report into mobile phone masts recommended that, in the absence of conclusive evidence that EM transmissions do not harm humans, operators siting masts should act on the precautionary principle. In other words, placing phone masts near nursery schools should be avoided if possible.

I have been in protracted correspondence with the Orange public relations team. Indeed, one of your representatives, Aleyne Johnson, very kindly agreed to come and meet myself and a group of concerned local residents and local Councillors. Furthermore, I have proposed a number of alternative sites which would both satisfy technical requirements and be acceptable to residents. Unfortunately, all these alternatives have been rejected. Orange has now decided to go ahead with the 169 Arthur Road site and has formally notified the Council to that end.

Such is the concern about the mast at 169 Arthur Road that a petition against it has collected 2,000 signatures. I intend to present this petition to Parliament.

I would therefore be very grateful if you would instruct your officers to reconsider the siting of the mast.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Hammond MP