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**Submission for Planning Application SD21A/0155**

**Ontower application for a 20m multi-user telecommunications support structure and ancillary equipment to improve wireless broadband coverage.**

1. The application mentions the location of the proposed development is at the Ballyroan Community and Youth Centre. This is factually incorrect as the proposed mast and cabinets are proposed to be located on church grounds and not grounds owned by SDCC.
2. The height of 20m will compromise the streetscape and overall vista. It will compete with the existing church spire. Its conspicuous antennae will look ugly and overpowering. Undoubtedly the antennae will grow in quantity over time once planning is permitted.
3. Such an overpowering structure with its concrete shroud belongs in an industrial park or at the side of a motorway as opposed to a low-rise residential area. It will tower over a playschool and afterschool, shadowing their outdoor playspace.
4. The location of the mast and cabinets is proposed to be positioned further out from the perimeter of the BCYC where the current bell tower is located. This is in a highly used pedestrian walkway and the location of community gatherings such as the Christmas and Summer Fayres. It will divide the communal space of a popular and useful plaza.
5. It is unclear from the planning application what the finishing structure will look like. How will the finish on the sculpture age? How will it fit in aesthetically with the current buildings in the vicinity such as the modern Ballyroan Community and Youth Centre, Ruah Pastoral Centre, library and the 60's architecture of the Church of the Holy Spirit?
6. It is our understanding that the existing bell tower is a protected structure and on the grounds of a protected structure? If so, how is it legal to demolish the bell tower?
7. The actual location of the planning notice is not on a public road. It is positioned low down on the actual bell tower. Does this meet the requirements of planning laws?
8. Although there is no conclusive evidence of dangerous emissions from such masts surely the risk of allowing such a development so close to a playschool and afterschool should not be permitted.



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Date: 08-Jul-2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Register Ref:** SD21A/0155  
**Development:** Replace existing 12m decommissioned chimney flue with a 20m multi-user telecommunications support structure to include antennas and dishes and all enclosed within a shroud to match the existing decommissioned chimney flue; 2 outdoor cabinets and associated site works and a proposed new flue to replace an existing flue on an existing permitted building and accessed via the existing permitted access; the development will provide improved wireless broadband services in the area.  
**Location:** Ballyroan Community & Youth Centre, Marian Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14  
**Applicant:** Ontower Ireland Limited  
**Application Type:** Permission  
**Date Rec'd:** 10-Jun-2021

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in connection with the above planning application. The appropriate fee of €20.00 has been paid and your submission is in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001(as amended). The contents of your submission will be brought to the attention of the Planning Officer during the course of consideration of this application.

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Yours faithfully,

Mary Crowley  
for Senior Planner