

Planning Department  
South Dublin County Council County Hall,  
Town Centre,  
Tallaght, Dublin 24

Ballyroan Men's Shed  
Marian Road  
Dublin 14 R7Y7

13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

As members of Ballyroan Men's Shed we wish to oppose the proposed planning application Reference No. SD21A/0155.

Ballyroan Men's Shed is located adjacent to the proposed 20 metre high radio mast structure. The entrance to our Shed is approximately 20 feet from the base of the new mast tower. Our Shed is shown on the map "existing site layout plan" described as "existing building" north of the proposed site layout marked out in red.

Our shed is small in size and mainly used as a well-equipped workshop. Our activities there are mainly woodworking, and we have a number of wood turning lathes. We have built a number of large structures including two beautiful currachs from this location. Due to the size of the building we regularly use the area outside on the plaza located between our shed and the base of the proposed telecommunications tower. The area is also used during various community fairs to exhibit our work to our local community.

Our overall views on the mast proposal are as follows:

1. The proposal at 20 metres (65.6 feet) is three times the height of local dormer bungalows and twice the height of local two storey houses and as such will be aesthetically unattractive and unacceptable.
2. Electromagnetic radiation will be produced 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The effect of this radiation on the children who play every day in the area around the base could be very damaging.
3. The mast will be erected within a few metres of Ballyroan Men's Shed workshop. Of concern is the unknown effect of the electromagnetic radiation on the members of the men's shed, many of whom are of advanced years and some of whom are in declining health.
4. Monitoring stations (2 no.) What exactly are these, how big are they and how might they affect the health of men's shed members.
5. Will more and more antennae and dishes be added to the mast over time?
6. What guarantees will be given that the development and all associated activities will

result in zerodetrimental effect on the environment?

#### **Conclusion**

It is our view that 5G technology is a vital tool in our modern communication. Especially with the advent of more hybrid working for many families and businesses in our community. We believe that the proposed development is not appropriately located as proposed. We cannot see how a large proposal with its inherent risks and visual impact can be considered suitable in the middle of a vibrant busy community plaza and thoroughfare. An area that comprises:

A Roman Catholic Church

A Pastoral Care Centre

A Public Library

A Community Centre

A Montessori School

An After School Service

A Meals on Wheels Service

A Local Men's Shed

A Shopping Centre.

Overall we wish the proposers of this service well for the future and can see the merits of the service they wish to provide.

We are confident that another site can be found that is a more suitable location of lower density for this service in the future.

**BALLYROAN MENS SHED.**



**Ballyroan Men's Shed**  
c/o Evelyn Vaughan  
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Dublin 14  
D14 R7Y7

**Date:** 13-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