## **BRIZE NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**



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## Dear Mrs King

Thank you for contacting Cllr Goble to advise the Brize Norton Parish Council of your intention to erect a new radar tower in the north west corner of the Tactical Medical Wing (TMW).

You have kindly given us the opportunity to contact you should we have any questions and with this in mind, we would like to ask if you could answer the following questions raised by Councillors and which could also potentially be asked by members of the public, especially those living on Brize Meadow (Bloor Homes Ltd), Burford Road and Manor Road.

- 1. It appears that old maps may have been used to show the location of the new tower as they do not indicate the new Brize Meadow development which includes 700+ homes, a school, commercial area and 1.5ha of employment land, all of which lies between Monahan Way and the perimeter wire on the west side of the TMW. With this in mind, we question:
  - a) Has due consideration been given to the proximity the 700+ homes, the boundary of which is just over 100m away from your proposed location?
  - b) The proximity of the new Country Park which runs adjacent to the north side of the TMW perimeter wire and the proximity of the new allotments which will run down the west side of the TMW perimeter wire?
  - c) Could we see a drawing to assess the visual impact and intervisibility from various locations in the village?
- Have you advised Bloor Homes Ltd, who are constructing the adjacent development?
- 3. Could you please advise why this location was chosen, which is extremely close to public housing and public amenities, considering that RAF Brize Norton covers an area of 460 hectares (1.8 square miles)? Is there not a more suitable location that would not cause such a major impact on the skyscape?
- 4. With the high awareness of public safety in relation to high frequency electromagnetic fields (EMF), can you confirm that there will be no hazard to health? We would refer you to an article in the Witney Gazette dated 6 January 2021 where residents are extremely concerned about health risks regarding the erection of a 20m high 5G mast.
- 5. What frequency will the radar operate at and will it disrupt/interfere with other civilian services e.g. TV and mobile phones?
- 6. What type of construction will the tower be, and will there be any moving elements on the top that may cause additional noise pollution?
- 7. We note that you have said that Aquila is engaging with the appropriate authorities and will ensure all regulations are complied with, but will there be a planning application submitted to WODC?



The Council look forward to hearing your comments,
Yours sincerely  Alisetey
Mrs Alison Riseley On behalf of Brize Norton Parish Council