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NEW MAST HEALTH FEARS

Heatherside Lib Dem Cllr Fran Bennie is supporting local campaigners in their fight to prevent the construction of a new communications mast on the Frimley Fuel Allotments.

The proposed mast would include new 'Tetra' based technology. The Tomlinscote Residents Association fear that the effects of the radiation on human health have not been properly researched and could be linked to ill-health clusters. The mast will be overlooking 3 schools – Ravenscote, Tomlinscote and St Augustines.

Under the Labour government's guidelines, Councillors were obliged to approve the proposal. The mast's construction could be prevented however if the landowners, The Trustees of the Frimley Fuel Allotments do not sign the contract with Orange/O₂.

Cllr Bennie praised the Residents Association for drawing the issue to people's attention and raising concerns that consultation may not have been wide enough. She fears that School Governors and other residents could have been unaware of the issue, which came before the Planning Committee on 26th August.

Cllr Bennie attended an information evening organised by the Association and signed the group's petition against the siting of the mast on the Fuel Allotments.

Cllr Bennie said *"While we all want communication facilities to improve, we would not want anyone to be at risk from a technology which we do not believe has been properly researched. Surely a less sensitive site could be found for this"*.

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Members of the Residents group discuss their concerns with Cllr Fran Bennie