

Public Comment

Barlows Landing Monopole-24030-Bourne

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Town/Village: Pocasset/Bourne

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Comment

Commissioners,

I oppose the proposed 120-foot wireless telecommunications tower at 317 Barlow's Landing Road in Bourne, currently under consideration as a Development of Regional Impact (DRI) project.

As a member of Pocasset Golf Club, an abutter to the site, and a Bourne resident, I am concerned about the tower's safety risks, environmental impact, and aesthetics. Pocasset Golf Club has been part of the community for more than 100 years, with many members living nearby.

The Vertex application lacks sufficient evidence that alternative sites were explored. Verizon has recently added large towers in Falmouth and Brewster, raising questions about why it cannot co-locate on existing structures rather than building another intrusive and potentially unsafe tower.

The proposed site does not provide a full "fall zone," meaning structural failure could endanger the golf course and nearby youth sports fields. Our property line is just 60 feet from the proposed tower site. While Verizon claims towers are designed to collapse safely, real-world incidents suggest otherwise.

Reliable cell service is important, but not at the expense of public safety and community integrity. Until these concerns are fully addressed, I urge the Commission to reject the Vertex/Verizon application or impose strict conditions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg DeSimone

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