

March 3, 2010

Town of Acton
Planning Board
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720

RE: Proposed Cell Phone Tower on Craig Road - Resident concerns

Dear Members of the Board;

I am writing to you to formally submit my concern for the proposed wireless tower planned at Craig Road in Acton. I will not be able to attend any of the hearings scheduled in the near future.

I was able to drive by the balloon test a while back. I have a number of concerns that I would like to share with you:

- While such industrial parks are suitable locations for cell towers, this particular spot is highly visible from nearby residences, and across the open fields. It has tremendous exposure from great distance and many viewpoints.

- It sits right on the edge of the agricultural lands that many are working toward long term protections for; with the Wright Holden Farmhouse as an anchor for this listed historical landscape (1996 Mass DCR Heritage Landscape Inventory Program document) .

- This particular view is one of few remaining in this landscape which is 'tower-less'; Annursnac Hill and the State Police both have visible towers, and they are not monopoles

- A few years back when the Wireless Bylaw was being proposed, as a member of the Historical Commission I was very concerned that towers could come in next to historic resources such as this landscape. Unfortunately we had not enough time to work through a provision for such protection. Now it is highly relevant to this situation.

- In general I am not against cell towers per se; but many site factors should be considered in the process. In this case, I believe site factors justify minor changes to this proposal.

For these reasons, I urge the board to consider either:

1. Stealth Monopole installation
2. Stealth Monopole located further back into the industrial park so as to lessen its impact on the landscape. Currently it is right on edge, in the middle of the field.

Sincerely,
Peter Grover - 278 School St.

Cc. Roland Bartl