

Public Consultee Comments

3 comments in objection are copied below as they were submitted to the Local Planning Authority:

1. The area is already full of industrial projects such as Tarmac cement factory that were not considered in terms of their negative impact on increased number of residential buildings. Adding data centres will be an additional burden on infrastructure (energy, water) and consequently on residents and their right to live in healthy environment. This is already compromised as the residents of Hayes village continue to report high level of pollution caused by Tarmac cement factory in particular and unsuccessfully. There is no enough evidence that this data centre will be properly managed considering failed performance with existing industrial areas.
2. I am becoming concerned about the concentration of Data Centres in Hayes. Data Centres use huge amounts of electricity and need massive amounts of water for cooling. In the event of electricity and water shortages I understand that Data Centres will be given priority over domestic users. Because of the high energy consumption they are a fire risk. The recent fire at the Heathrow sub station and the effect on the local population is very much in our minds. Data Centres is one of the issues that I forgot to raise at the recent Resilience Conference at Hillingdon Council. In the short term these centres will supply new jobs, in the long term they will be run by robots. The corporations using these data centres are international entities like Amazon and Google who give lip service to caring about local communities. The Centres will be used for back hauling data from our homes, appliances, cars, smart meters, traffic systems and our bodies for the Internet of Things. What do the Fire Brigade have to say about the combined concentration of all these data centres in Hayes? As I understand it the planning applications look at the sites individually. What are Affinity Water's views? We are all to a certain extent electro hypersensitive as every cell in our bodies runs on small amounts of natural frequency electricity as does our blood circulation. About 5 per cent of the population is made very ill by artificial emf signals. What will happen to those people? Who is looking out for our health?
3. I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed development of a new data centre and auxiliary facilities in Union Park. This area already hosts three data centres, and the cumulative impact on the local environment, infrastructure, and community is increasingly concerning. Data centres are heavy users of energy and water, generating considerable noise and heat. Adding a fourth facility will further strain the power grid and exacerbate environmental degradation. The proposed site is located very close to established residential zones, raising serious concerns about noise pollution, increased industrial traffic, and potential safety risks for families living nearby. The recent fire at the North Hyde power plant, which

is in close proximity to the proposed site, has highlighted the dangers of having high-risk industrial facilities near residential communities. Allowing further expansion without a thorough and independent risk assessment would be irresponsible. The surrounding areas of Union Park have already sacrificed a lot of green spaces and recreational areas for residents, particularly families, seniors, and children. Further industrialisation would erode the community's quality of life and compromise the environmental value of the residential area. Additionally, the height of the proposed buildings and the high density of having four data centres and auxiliary facilities within Union Park would significantly alter the landscape, overshadowing residential areas and contributing to an overcrowded and industrialised environment. For these reasons, I urge the planning authorities to reject this proposal and prioritise the protection, safety, and wellbeing of our neighbourhood. Future developments should respect the balance between necessary infrastructure and the rights of residents to a safe, healthy living environment.

One comment was also received stating “I agree” but it was considered unclear as to whether it was in support or objecting to the proposal.