

FULL COUNCIL

Written Question from Tanja Rebel of Cowes

QUESTION

Is this council aware that Vodaphone are making the IW '5G ready' if not, why not? If yes, will it now make residents aware of the many Health & Safety concerns which I have informed you many a time and the concerns that come from scientists across the globe. Would it also demand independent health and environment impact assessments before rolling out something without due diligence which could expose people to mandatory radiation 24-7 without public consent?

RESPONSE

Individual members of staff and councillors will have become aware of the Vodaphone announcements via the media. There is no obligation on Vodaphone to seek the council's approval to upgrade its network or provide advance notice of its planned works. The council has no powers to require the impact assessments you refer to nor prevent the commercial roll out of 5G technology.