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MORE PHONE MAST MISERY ON HORIZON

More mobile phone mast anger is brewing in Worthing – this time in Findon Valley.

T-Mobile wants to install a 36-ft high mast at the junction of the A24 Findon Road and Cissbury Avenue, with a radio equipment cabinet.

David Goncalves, Chairman of Findon Valley Residents' Association, said on Monday: "We don't want it. We only heard about it at the end of last week and already some residents have approached me expressing concern about the idea."

The application is in the latest list of planning applications to the borough council, and Mr Goncalves said the association would be lodging an objection.

The monopole mast would be sited on the roadside verge owned by West Sussex County Council. Mr Goncalves pointed out that the Vale First and Middle School was only a short distance away up the hill and the mast could pose a health risk to pupils going to and from the school, as well as other residents.

He said the mast would be unsightly, especially as it would be next to another pole, and there was always a potential health risk which had not yet been disproved.

- There is more unwelcome news for people living near Worthing Football Club's ground in Woodside Road.

Only two weeks after a controversial T-Mobile mast scheme was approved for the ground, an application has come in from operator Hutchison to replace its present 44ft mast next to the east side of the grandstand with a 56ft mast, upgrading the facility from 2G to 3G mode.

- Another ongoing phone mast protest campaign is centred on plans by T-Mobile to site a 33ft mast in St Andrew's Road, West Tarring, on a grass verge near council allotment land.

The installation would be in the form of a "replica" telegraph pole.