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April 25, 2014

The Honorable David R. Martin  
Mayor  
City of Stamford  
888 Washington Boulevard  
Stamford, CT 06901

RE: **DOCKET NO. 447** – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Stamford Tax Assessor Map 1, Parcel 1379, 560 West Hill Road, Stamford, Connecticut.

Dear Mayor Martin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your recent correspondence dated March 6, 2014 concerning the above-referenced application. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50(b), a copy of the application is required to be submitted to the City of Stamford for review. Before reaching a final decision on an application, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the applicant, parties and intervenors in the proceeding, and members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

In the event that the City of Stamford does not seek formal party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, which provides full participation at the public hearing, including, but not limited to, cross examination of witnesses, parties and intervenors, your comments shall nevertheless become part of the official record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n.

Therefore, copies of your correspondence will be distributed to all participants in the proceeding and will be administratively noticed in the record. Please note you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at [www.ct.gov/csc](http://www.ct.gov/csc) under the "Pending Proceedings" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Very truly yours,

Melanie A. Bachman  
Acting Executive Director

MAB/cm

cc: Parties & Intervenors  
Council Members

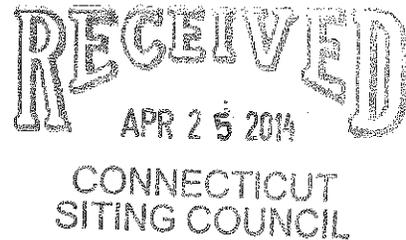
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April 23, 2014

The Honorable Ms. Melanie Bachman,  
Acting Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
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Dear Director Bachman:

Re: 560 West Hill Road Wireless Communication Tower Proposal

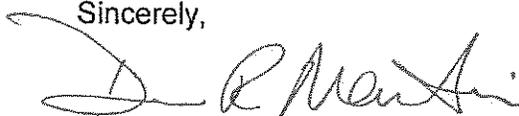
I am writing regarding the proposed construction of a cell tower to be located on 560 West Hill Road in Stamford. While I recognize the importance of providing all residents in Stamford with high quality communication service, it is equally important that this is done with care for the surrounding environment and respect for residents.

After a careful review of the proposed site by the City's Environmental Protection Board (EPB) planner, I am requesting that the proposed site be rejected. As you will read in the planner's assessment, construction of the tower will result in significant risk of damaging adjacent wetlands. Please review the attached description of the assessment, which highlights several concerns with the proposal. Independently, a commercial environmental consultant reaffirmed many of our EPB planner's conclusions. In both cases this is not an appropriate site for a cell tower.

In addition, the proposed site is adjacent to a cemetery and church which is frequently visited by parishioners and family members. The placement of the proposed cell tower will cause distress to many who view this location as sacred.

The residents of Stamford and I greatly appreciate you taking my letter into consideration. I would welcome any additional questions you have or it need additional information please contact me or my Chief of Staff, Michael Pollard, at 203.977.4154.

Sincerely,



David R. Martin

*Attachment*



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT  
INTER - OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

MEMO TO: Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff  
Mayor's Office, City of Stamford

FROM: Richard Talamelli, Environmental Planner  
Environmental Protection Board, City of Stamford

SUBJECT: 560 West Hill Road, Stamford, Connecticut  
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T)  
Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility

DATE: April 17, 2014

I have reviewed the documents titled "Wetland Investigation" and "Preliminary Wetland Impact Analysis" (All Points Technology, 7/17/13 and 10/7/13) and conducted a field inspection to familiarize myself with AT&T's proposal to construct a wireless telecommunications facility at 560 West Hill Road, Stamford, Connecticut. Please note that the inspection was authorized by the applicant and conducted in the presence of the applicant's environmental consultant (Gustafson, 4/2/14).

Based on the information gathered during this exercise, this office cannot support the project as currently proposed, given the absence of the important technical data and design details necessary to properly assess potential impacts on wetlands, watercourses, vernal pools and other associated resources. The potential site for the 120 foot tall mono-pine tower, antennae arrays, accessory building, fences, drives, generators, underground utilities, and other related facilities lie in lightly wooded, historically filled and altered space immediately adjacent to the designated wetlands. The property lies within the drinking water supply watershed of the Milanus River. Outwardly, the development appears overly aggressive for the 4,502 square feet of lease space sought by the applicant, and the construction, operation and long-term maintenance of the facilities may impact the regulated area's capacity to preserve/enhance water quality, mitigate storm flows, accommodate drainage, supply habitat, and provide open space. Necessary information may include structural drawings based on a site specific geotechnical investigation, a full site development, grading and utility plan, detailed erosion control plan, construction phasing, stockpiling, and dewatering plan, description of the possible fuel sources, storage and containment, long term maintenance and facilities management plan, detailed mitigation plan, and a comprehensive study, conducted by professionals versed in the fields of herpetology and vernal pool ecology, to review the site, evaluate project impacts, and develop appropriate conservation recommendations. Finally, the applicant should carefully examine the availability of alternatives that may lessen effects upon regulated areas. Such alternatives may include alternate locations both on and off the property, a less intense or alternatively configured project, a development with expanded buffers, and/or the use of alternative technologies to address the area's service requirements.

Please call if you have any questions.