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Sir, my wife happened to learn from a Facebook friend that Kittitas County Community Development Services (KCCDS) issued a letter advising that a telecommunications tower is proposed for an address which is *very* close to our community. The letter describes that on July 13th, KCCDS received application to install a tower, notice was made (public notice?) on August 8th, and that while KCCDS is not required to hold public meetings, input will be accepted, in writing, up to 5:00pm on August 23rd.

Neither we nor our neighbors received even this short notice directly, but first reaction for my wife and myself was shock at the prospect that such structure would be invited or permitted into our agricultural/rural neighborhood, and secondly, that KCCDS did not distribute notice to those of us who will be directly impacted.

Having seen the KCCDS letter for the first time today, I cannot say that I've researched the implications in depth, but I see that other communities have launched large scale complaints and even litigation against similar proposals (Walla Walla article link, below), and there is even suggestion that telecommunication corporations are preparing for anticipated litigation related to future cell tower related health problems (ehtrust.gov link).

There are tower support arguments that federal agencies are responsible for setting regulations for safety and local governments only issue permits, then anti-tower arguments that property values may suffer... and there are other perspectives which I do not know enough about to either support or argue. But since no presentation or advance notice of pro/con aspects of what may be of significant and irreversible impact to our homes and lives has taken place, I can only say that my wife and I are opposed to what appears to us to be a hush-and-rush change to the character, value, and perhaps livability of our environment.

I trust that KCCDS is interested in the best interests of its jurisdiction and that my "hush-and-rush" comment is overstatement, but with the immediate deadline for input and limited information available, my wife and I want KCCDS to be aware that not all parties may be in agreement with this development.

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Walla Wall link: <https://www.govtech.com/network/washington-city-sees-residents-fighting-cell-tower-build>

ehtrust.gove link: <https://ehtrust.org/liability-and-risk-from-5g-and-cell-towers/>