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Cc: [Wireless Comments](#)
Subject: I oppose the proposed cell phone tower at the Marlborough water tank site (H27)
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Dear City Council & City Staff,

I write to you today in opposition to the proposed H27 cell phone tower at the Marlborough water tank site in our neighborhood.

The water tank site and adjacent land are a horrible choice for a wireless installation because:

1. It is a tiny lot, smaller than 99% of parcels in town and one of smallest water tank sites. It currently has two massive water tanks jammed on the parcel with almost no setbacks.
2. All the proposed locations in the tank site and the Right of Way location H27M6 are too close to homes at ~50 feet. The smaller parcel size of the homes in the neighborhood makes this site a poor candidate for large scale infrastructure like a 55-foot tower.
3. This industrial site in a residential area is already covered with existing tanks, buildings, and towers without meaningful screening from any angle except for pine trees on a neighboring property that will need to be removed in the near future based on arborist feedback.
4. Even with aesthetic improvements no meaningful screening will exist for close to a decade to mask a new 50+ foot tower (based on height and volume of screening vegetation required).
5. The lack of screening for the site is exacerbated by no setbacks on both sides of the lot, which are two main arteries in town (Marlborough & Black Mountain). Will more infrastructure on this site help increase “rustic character and rural charm that are the hallmarks of our town”?
6. The wooden pole design or use of the existing lattice with exposed wiring will add to the visual blight at this site. Since this site is so exposed, any use of the water tanks should follow the aesthetic standards for a monopole with concealed wiring and integrated base. The design should include a detailed plan to improve screening of the entire site from all sides.

We implore you to not increase the already heavy burden on our neighborhood and deny applications for additional infrastructure on this small lot that is already an eyesore and too close to homes. Instead we ask that you align in supporting our efforts to improve the aesthetics of our neighborhood.

Please work with Crown Castle to locate this wireless infrastructure in the nearby open space away from homes. These sites can support colocation (service for AT&T/T-Mobile) and back-up power compared to the tank site.

1. PG&E is proactively seeking wireless installations on up to 35K towers and Crown Castle already hosts equipment on transmission towers in town. Consider a new attachment to the PG&E transmission line structure near the foot of Marlborough or other similar structures in

the open space via aerial connections.

2. Build a new macro-site at the rest area on 280 to which will provide a broader coverage area, including Lakeview and Tobin Clarke, which is excluded by the current proposal.
3. Expand the existing Verizon wireless site at Darrell Road (Skyline) to cover a wider area of the town.

Thank you for hearing the voices of your constituents and rejecting the application for H27.

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