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Date: August 7, 2025

Hamilton Planning Board
577 Bay Road
Hamilton, MA 01936

Re: Opposition to Proposed AT&T Cell Antenna Installation Adjacent to Residential Property

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

I am writing on behalf of myself and several concerned neighbors to express strong opposition to the proposed installation of an AT&T cell phone antenna on the utility pole next to my driveway on [Street Name]. While we understand the goal of improving cellular coverage in town, placing this equipment in such close proximity to homes raises a number of serious concerns that should not be overlooked.

Health Concerns

Many residents are concerned about the long-term health effects of being exposed to radiofrequency radiation emitted by cell antennas. Although federal guidelines exist, scientific research is ongoing, and the lack of consensus leaves residents uneasy about having this type of equipment installed just feet from where families live, sleep, and spend time outdoors.

Noise and Ongoing Disturbance

Cell antennas and their associated equipment can produce constant noise from cooling fans or electrical components. This may disturb the quiet atmosphere of the neighborhood, especially at night. Routine maintenance would bring additional disturbances, such as service trucks, lifts, and other equipment, often at unpredictable times. This is not appropriate for a residential area.

Traffic and Safety Issues

The utility pole in question is on a busy corner, directly across from a shopping center and near a service road that already sees a lot of vehicle congestion. Cars and trucks frequently stop in this area, and adding regular maintenance vehicles will worsen traffic flow and increase the risk of accidents. It is a safety concern for both drivers and pedestrians, including children who walk or bike nearby.

Better Locations Exist

There are many other utility poles in town that are farther from homes and not located in high-traffic areas. It makes far more sense to place this type of infrastructure where it will not

impact residents so directly. Placing it next to a driveway in a quiet neighborhood seems like a careless choice, especially when other options are available. We are also concerned that a cell signal originating on the telephone pole would be blocked by the buildings in the nearby shopping center, preventing it from reaching the residents who need it on the other side of Rt 1A.

Impact on Property Values and Quality of Life

The presence of a visible cell antenna so close to homes could have a negative effect on property values. It also affects the visual character of the neighborhood, which many residents have worked hard to preserve. No one wants industrial telecommunications equipment right outside their front door.

Not Everyone Benefits

Many residents in this neighborhood, myself included, do not use AT&T services. This means the burden of the installation would fall on all nearby residents, while the benefits would serve only a portion of the community. It is not fair to ask residents to accept the risks and inconvenience of this project when they may not even benefit from the improved service.

In summary, we ask the Planning Board to consider the health, safety, and well-being of residents in making this decision. A cell antenna does not belong in front of someone's home, especially when there are other, less disruptive options available.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

On behalf of concerned neighbors, Hamilton, MA:

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VIA EMAIL

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**Re: Response to Letter to the Hamilton Planning Board Dated August 7, 2025
(the “Letter”) Re: Opposition to Proposed AT&T Cell Antenna Installation
Adjacent to Residential Property Near 18 Walnut Road, Hamilton, MA (the
“Site”)**

Dear Honorable Members of the Town of Hamilton Planning Board:

On behalf of AT&T, we write to address the concerns raised in the Letter submitted to the Town of Hamilton Planning Board (the “Board”) regarding the proposed small cell wireless facility on a utility pole within the public right-of-way near the Site.

As requested by the Board, AT&T has been working with National Grid on potential alternative pole locations away from residences to the extent feasible. As evidenced by the filing of a new application for a special permit recently submitted to the Board, AT&T has identified an alternative pole location adjacent to the shopping center located at 15 Walnut Road and across from the gas station (Pole # 7 ½). We note that the new location was undertaken in a spirit of cooperation to work with the Board and address the concerns noted in the Letter.

To address some of the specific comments in the Letter, AT&T’s proposed low-power small wireless facilities fully comply with all applicable FCC standards regarding emissions and our application contains evidence of compliance. As the Board knows, the FCC is the exclusive regulator of radio frequency emissions. We also note that AT&T’s proposed small wireless facilities do not use cooling fans, only passive cooling via the vents in the equipment cabinets.

If the proposed small wireless facility on existing pole # 7 ½ near 15 Walnut Road is approved by the Board, AT&T will withdraw its pending application for a small wireless facility located near 18 Walnut Road. We expect this shift to the alternative location will address the concerns of the Board and those contained in the Letter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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