

PRESS RELEASE - 27 February 2020

Safe Technology Swansea sends Notice of Liability to all elected representatives of City and County of Swansea.

The community group, established in early 2019, has sent the notice in response to the news that 3 are going live with 5G in Swansea this week.

In spite of seeking to make a full presentation to council concerning the dangers of frequency emissions and the need for precaution, the request to present was refused.

The Council adhere to Public Health England guidelines, which are based on the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection standards. These standards are based solely on thermal effects of frequency emissions and do not acknowledge the thousands of studies confirming bio-effects. There are additionally no independent studies confirming the safety of this technology.

Safe Technology Swansea (STS) are sending their liability notice following Ofcom's reiteration of these, arguably flawed, guidelines, additionally pointing out that neither Lloyds nor Swiss + will underwrite *any* wireless applications, citing the history of asbestos and tobacco.

"Someone has to be liable for the foreseeable harm, and in the absence of available insurance, it will fall to those individuals involved in deployment. If our elected representatives are convinced it's safe in the absence of any insurance or independent proof, they should have no problem being personally liable", said a spokesperson for STS.

The notice (available on safetechswansea.org) accuses elected representatives of failing in their duty to protect, citing the precautionary principle :

"The Precautionary Principle, as adopted by the EU in 2005 states:

"When human activities may lead to morally unacceptable harm that is scientifically plausible but uncertain, actions shall be taken to avoid or diminish that harm.""

The group has also been busy in the last few days addressing a planning application for three new masts in Glanmor Court, Uplands, and have successfully managed to get this called in for a council meeting, now postponed till April.

STS commented that the public response to their Uplands campaign had been extraordinary, given it was mounted in 24 hours, and points to a high level of public concern.

Please contact Safe Technology Swansea in the first instance.

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