

# Time to give up battle against phone masts?

PEOPLE in Benfleet may finally be becoming resigned to the idea their former water tower will remain festooned with communications aerials.

After years of fighting the adding of extra dishes, masts and antennae to the 90ft Grade II listed landmark, only to see many of them go ahead, the latest proposal seems to be raising fewer objections.

Vigilant Global's application to site two satellite dishes atop the tower, with an equipment cabin inside, comes a week after another company applied to put up four masts there – and soon after councillors turried down similar plans.

Now residents and Conservative councillor Alf Partridge, are suggesting the town should, perhaps, bow to the inevitable.

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