

Dear Holly,

I want to thank you for your excellent front-page coverage as Formby considers being turned into a WiFi hotspot. "How Dare They!" is making the rounds in the US, where Eileen O'Connor is quite well known by those on both sides of issue. Those of us deeply concerned about the health-effects honor Eileen for her ability to communicate the risks in a very knowledgeable way that everyone can understand. And it is precisely for those reasons the telecom industry knows her, too, as she speaks the truth with such grace that she has had hundreds of thousands listening to her over the last decade. They *wish* she would be quiet, but I'm afraid they let the genie out of the bottle when they plunked a mast down in Wishaw 100 meters from Eileen's former home.

I met Eileen when she spoke in San Francisco at a symposium and we have worked together ever since. You probably know about Eileen's identification of the cancer cluster in Wishaw due to the massive mast, and her founding of the UK's Radiation Research Trust. Perhaps those who think turning Formby into a WiFi hotspot would be well advised to listen carefully to Eileen's warnings.

Right now the microwave radiation that powers mobile phones, masts, and WiFi is considered a 2B or "possible human" carcinogen by the World Health Organization. But the brilliant Swedish oncologist and epidemiologist Dr. Lennart Hardell came out with 5 new studies in 2013 which are daunting in the level of risk now associated with this technology, and Dr. Hardell is calling for RF radiation to be classified as a Group 1 or "absolute carcinogen."

WiFi immediately impacts the brain and can cause a range of symptoms including headache, lethargy, confusion, lack of impulse control, fatigue, ringing in the ears, insomnia and mood swings including aggression and depression. Turning Formby into a WiFi hotspot means a much stronger and pervasive signal that would create a level of danger which cannot and must not be dismissed. There is no science proving WiFi is safe. Disturbingly, the science often touted by country health agencies signaling an "all clear" for WiFi is produced by scientists funded by the telecom industry. And sadly, health agencies are not immune from political pressures.

I hope you will continue to cover this critically important issue. You have a very famous resident living among you, and the residents would be well advised to listen to Eileen O'Connor.

Kind Regards,

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