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Supplementary Question for Sefton Council public meeting 12th September 2024

The ICNIRP certificate does not consider long-term biological effects.

Both the ICNIRP 1998 and 2020 Guidelines categorically state that there is a risk to certain individuals with metallic implants. Advice on avoiding these problems is beyond the scope of the guidelines.

A Recent High Court case Thomas vs Cheltenham Borough Council **ruled that there was a potential risk to people with medical implants below the ICNIRP limits and that this needs to be taken into account by the authority.**

And at least two legal rulings in the UK have set a legal precedent for those suffering with Electrohypersensitivity also known as microwave sickness. The **Upper Tribunal Judge** in August 2022 in the case against East Sussex County Council found **that a child with EHS should be considered disabled under the Equality Act 2010 and ruled that the Council MUST secure special Education, Health and Care Plan.**

In April 2024 the Judge **put Somerset County Council on notice and ruled that it MUST comply with its obligations concerning an electrosensitive person who was made homeless due to exposure to EMF radiation or it would be sanctioned.**

There must be thousands of people with metal implants living within Sefton and many residents suffering with EHS/microwave sickness. **Knowing that the ICNIRP Certificate/guidelines does not certify safety for those suffering with EHS or protect those with metal implants, will Sefton councillors now take health into consideration when determining phone mast applications, small cell deployment, 5G and the Internet of Things?**

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