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Via email

From:

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To:

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Councillor David King – Leader of the Council, Colchester City Council

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Cabinet Members and Councillors
Councillor Mark Cory – Deputy Leader and Resources
Councillor Andrea Luxford Vaughan – Planning, Environment and Sustainability
Councillor Martin Goss – Neighbourhoods and Waste
Councillor Paul Smith – Housing
Councillor Alison Jay – Economy, Transformation and Performance
Councillor Julie Young – Labour Group Leader & Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor Mike Lilley – Mayor of Colchester
Democratic Services – Colchester City Council
Brian Stein CBE – Chairman, EM Radiation Research Trust

Dear Ms Donnelly,

Thank you for your email of 16 March 2026 acknowledging receipt of our correspondence and advising that this matter has been passed to your Monitoring Officer, Mr Andrew Weavers.

As this issue concerns a publicly funded report, potential misrepresentation of a UK registered charity, and matters of public health and governance, I am writing to request an update on when a full substantive response will be provided.

Given the seriousness of the concerns raised in our letter, including:

- The apparent lack of independence of the Intelligens Consulting report
- Potential conflicts of interest
- Mischaracterisation of the EM Radiation Research Trust as an “activist group”
- Questions regarding accountability, and public health duties

we believe this matter warrants timely and transparent consideration.

We understand that this issue has also been raised publicly at a recent council meeting, where questions were asked regarding how an “independent” report could be produced by an organisation whose core business appears to be the promotion of telecommunications infrastructure.

In light of this, we would be grateful if you could confirm:

- Whether the Council considers that the report meets the standard of independence expected for public decision making
- What steps are being taken to review the report and its conclusions
- When we can expect a full written response to our letter of 16 March 2026

Given that the report remains publicly accessible on the Council’s website, could you also confirm what steps the Council intends to take to address or correct the references made to the EM Radiation Research Trust, as the charity directly referred to in the report?

We also reiterate a broader and important question:

How will Colchester City Council, and any other authority relying on similar reports, ensure that decisions regarding the deployment of wireless infrastructure are based on genuinely independent, balanced, and public health focused evidence?

As a publicly funded body, the Council has a duty to ensure transparency, accountability, and the protection of its residents, particularly vulnerable groups.

We would appreciate a response within 10 working days.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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