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NSCA Training Seminar

Telecom Masts – dealing with public concern

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- *Health research – the latest findings*
- *A precautionary approach to health impacts*
- *Mobile Operators Ten Commitments and Code of Best Practice*
- *Key legal issues*
- *Planning guidance*
- *Key issues of concern for campaigners*
- *Communicating uncertainty about health risks*
- *How can local authorities balance their responsibilities?*

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NSCA offers Continuing Professional Development (CPD) certificates to environmental professionals attending our training courses.

Venue

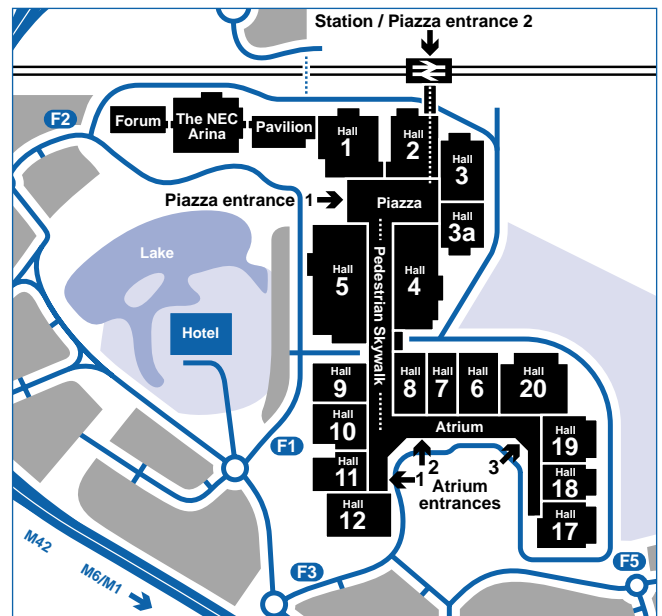
The NEC Atrium is directly accessible from Birmingham International rail station.

Road and air links are also excellent.

Timing

Registration for the seminar, coffee and tea from 09.30 hrs. The seminar itself starts at 10.30 hrs, with a refreshment break at 11.30 hrs and a lunch break at 13.00 hrs, ends at 16.00 hrs.

Timings are subject to alteration without notice.



Fees

Seminar Registration

NSCA members	£ 139.00+VAT (£163.33)
Non-members	£ 159.00+VAT (£186.83)
Students*	£ 34.75+VAT (£40.83)

In the event of cancellation one half of the fee will be credited up to 25 May 2004, but after that date no credit will be possible. A substitute delegate is always welcome.

To register please complete the form overleaf and return to:

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Programme

REGISTRATION FROM 9.30

SEMINAR STARTS 10.30

Chair: Professor Richard Macrory, *President, NSCA*

Health Research – what are the latest findings?

- Professor Lawrence Challis, *Chair, Mobile Telecommunications and Health Research Programme*. *Prof Challis chairs the Mobile Telecommunications and Health Research Programme (MTHR), set up to look into the possible health impact of Mobile Telecommunications. Funds of around £7 million have been allocated to the programme by industry and Government – what results are emerging?*

Taking a precautionary approach to health impacts

- Dr Grahame Blackwell. *Dr Blackwell's Starweave website is a host of information on concerns about telecoms masts, and in particular the TETRA mobile communications system for the emergency services.*

Working with the Ten Commitments and Code of Best Practice

- Mike Dolan, *Executive Director, Mobile Operators Association*. *The mobile phone network operators published in 2001 their Ten Commitments to best siting practice for new development. This was followed by a Code of Best Practice, produced jointly by representatives of central and local government and the mobile phone industry, to provide clear and practical advice to ensure more effective communication and consultation between operators, local authorities and local people.*

Key legal issues

- Richard Buxton, *Solicitor*. *Richard Buxton is a solicitor who has worked independently in environmental law since 1989. He has fought, and won, several important cases including the siting of telecoms masts. What are the key legal issues at stake?*

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Planning guidance – how is it working out?

- Katy Collins, *ODPM*. *In August 2001, the Government introduced improved planning arrangements for telecommunications development. These included greater requirements for consulting local people, backed by tougher guidance in Planning Policy Guidance Note 8. How is the guidance working out?*

Key issues of concern for campaigners

- Kumar Singarajah, *Mast Sanity*. *Kumar Singarajah is European Co-ordinator for Mast Sanity, the primary organisation opposing the insensitive siting of mobile phone and Tetra masts in the UK. The organisation offers support to local campaigns, lobbies Government and encourages increased public awareness of the health issues relating to mobile phone technology.*

Communicating uncertainty about mobile telecommunication health risks

- Dr Julie Barnett, *Psychology Dept, University of Surrey*. *Dr Barnett heads a programme designed to explore what people understand about the uncertain risks associated with mobile phone handsets and base stations. It will look at the effect of communicating uncertain risks on attitudes and behaviour as well evaluating the effectiveness of the Department of Health leaflets Mobile Phones and Health and Mobile Phone Base Stations.*

How can local authorities balance their responsibilities?

- speaker to be confirmed. *When new telecoms masts are proposed, elected members, and local authority planning and environment officers, are often caught between public concern, commercial pressures, and Government guidance. How are councils responding to this challenge?*

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SEMINAR FINISHES 16.00



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