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To: Hillary Pace

Cc: <u>Jason Sullivan; Jeff Ulma; Ricky Barker; Scott Ramage</u>
Subject: Comments Requested: Chatham Co. Cell Tower Search Rings

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Hi Hillary:

In response to your email dated February 27, 2013, Cary Planning Department staff would like to offer the following comments regarding the proposed cell tower search rings:

Chatham Towers:

It appears a portion of the search ring includes an area designated on the Chatham-Cary Joint Land Use Plan for commercial/retail land uses. If there is an existing tower or structure within this search ring area that could serve as a location for antennae, such a structure would be more preferable than constructing a new tower. If such a structure does not exist, locating a tower within this commercial/retail area and not adjacent to any existing residential development would be preferable. If a new tower were located in an area designated for residential use, this could potentially impact future development of these areas.

AT&T Mobility:

Based on discussion with Chatham County Planning staff, it is our understanding that the applicant for this search ring wishes to co-locate on a proposed stealth tower that would be constructed on the golf course property off Pittard-Sears Road. Co-location on existing structures/towers is more preferable than new tower construction. The area around the base of the tower should be sufficiently screened from view from surrounding properties and the adjacent roadway. Please see comments from Town of Cary Planning Department staff (dated 1/17/13) regarding the proposed screening for the facility.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on these proposals. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the above comments. Thank you.

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