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To the Connecticut Siting Council,

I am writing to request Intervenor status at the Cheshire Public Hearing on Thursday, October 9th. I will be speaking on behalf of residents who oppose the siting of the AT&T/Homeland Towers/New Cingular cell tower at the Cheshire Waste Water Treatment Plant location.

At the meeting I will present evidence that this is not the appropriate site for the tower, using maps and other information provided in the proposal binder at the Cheshire Town Hall.

A few highlights:

-The site shares a location with a children's athletic campus. The proposal states the site is not within 250' of a school or daycare center, yet we have hundreds of children playing at the base of the tower.

-This is a heavily-populated residential zone while towers are recommended for siting in the least populated area.

-At approximately 100' above sea level this site is one of the lowest in the area. A tower sited at a higher elevation would not need to reach 180'.

-There are 45 towers within 4 miles of this site, but AT&T only has access to half of them. Those towers should be considered for expanded coverage.

-The area is shown on AT&T maps as a relative "dead zone" while many of us living here have excellent service with other providers. A corporation's competitive need does not equal a community need.

-The site is close to an industrial zone on East Johnson Avenue whose landowners were not approached to site the tower. (Map attached)

-One site (Milone & MacBroom) in the industrial zone was considered for a tower but at a much lower height. This site should be reconsidered for a 180' tower.

-The tower will not be lit, a concession we appreciate, but the site is close to flight patterns at Markham Airport. In the winter this area can be dark as early as 4pm.

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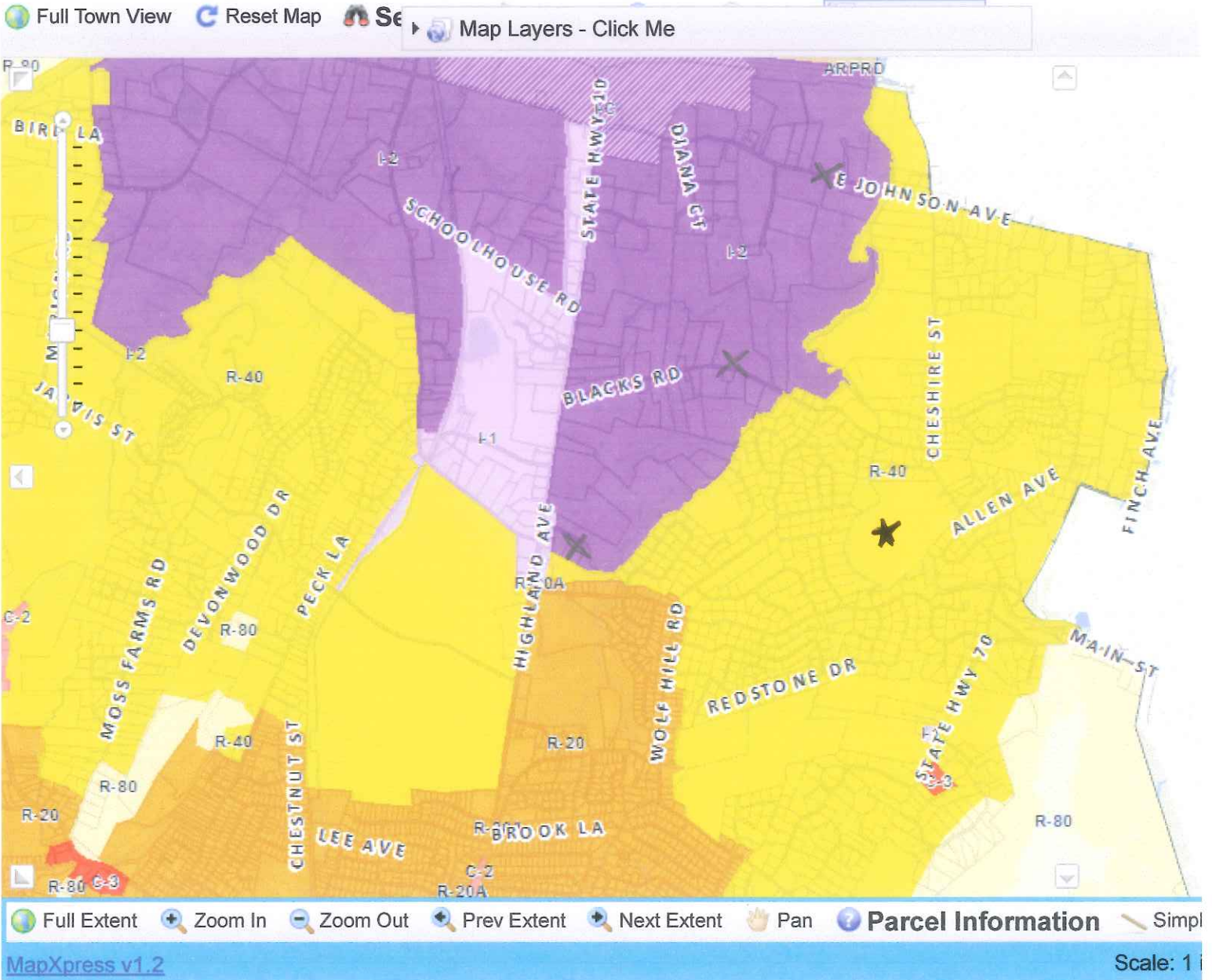
-A report in the proposal shows the Town of Cheshire's emergency communication needs could be met at a lower height on an existing tower at the site.

-Cheshire residents have previously petitioned against a cell tower in this residential zone and the town should work within zoning guidelines to site this and all future towers in commercial, business or industrial zones.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to approval as an Intervenor and to meeting with you on October 9th,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Arcesi". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

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Yellow = Residential zone

Purple = Industrial zone

★ = proposed site

X = possible locations to consider