



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
For the Public Design Commission
Re: 5G Concealment Solutions
August 10, 2020**

LANDMARK WEST! is a not-for-profit community organization committed to the preservation of the architectural heritage of the Upper West Side.

The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on concealment solutions to be mounted to NYC lampposts to provide 5G access to New York City residents.

The Landmark West Certificate of Appropriateness Committee is not a collection of luddites and we do, in fact support technology and progress. We are largely unconcerned about DoITT's proposals for uniform shrouds for 5G and 4G enabled devices but we would like to comment on the visual impact upon Bishop's Crook lampposts, particularly within our historic districts.

Many of the Bishop's Crook lampposts throughout the Upper West Side—across 72nd Street, the Upper West Side's mainstreet and throughout our historic districts, such as:

The West End-Collegiate Historic District,
The West End-Collegiate Historic District Extension,
Riverside-West End Historic District,
Riverside-West End Historic District Extension II,
Riverside-West 105th Street Historic District,
The Manhattan Avenue Historic District,
The Central Park West – West 73rd – 74th Street Historic District, and our namesake:
The Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District

Many of these lampposts were placed in response to community fundraising and involvement, and in several cases due to the hard work of LANDMARK WEST! Additional Bishop's Crook lampposts grace scenic landmarks Riverside Park and Drive and Central Park.

The design of Bishop's Crook lampposts date to 1900, and their resurgence is easily traced to their graceful proportions, the vegetal vines spiraling the fluted shaft and the ornamental scrolls that call attention from down the block. According to the Landmarks Preservation Commission, these lamps are "almost a symbol of New York".

We ask that the PDC, DOT and DoITT work together to allow the concealment shrouds on nearby traffic lights and posts, specifically in historic districts instead of undermining the aesthetic significance of these signature lampposts.

Thank You.