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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019**

**Planning Authority: Limerick City and County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 20/182**

**APPEAL** by Vodafone Ireland Limited care of Towercom of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 by Limerick City and County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** Removal of the existing 15 metres lattice tower (overall height 16.5 metres) and to erect a new 20 metres lattice tower together with antennas, dishes and associated equipment all enclosed in security fencing, all at the Eir Exchange, rear of Garda Station, Station Road, Castleconnell, County Limerick.

**Decision**

**REFUSE** permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

## **Matters Considered**

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

## **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the proposed height and bulk of the replacement mast in a prominent location within the village of Castleconnell in proximity to an area designated as the Castleconnell Architectural Conservation Area in the current Development Plan for the area, protected structures and residential property, it is considered that the proposed development would be visually obtrusive and would seriously injure and depreciate the value of properties in the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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**Terry Ó Niadh**  
**Member of An Bord Pleanála**  
**duly authorised to authenticate**  
**the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this            day of            2020.**