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**Board Direction**  
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

The Board decided to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

In the absence of any detailed consideration of co-location with existing masts located within the general area and having regard to the isolated location of the site in the upland landscape of Dunlavin on lands designated as the Eastern Uplands in the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023, an objective of which is to protect and enhance the visual amenity and natural character of the area, it is considered that the proposed development would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and lead to an undesirable precedent for similar developments on this sensitive landscape which is under considerable development pressure for similar developments due to its proximity to the motorway. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

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