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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 **20/09/2019**.

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

Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development would provide for a 33-metre telecommunications structure and associated equipment in an area of commercial forestry, which is due to be clear-felled in 2025, and which is within an area surrounded by sensitive rural landscapes as identified within the Landscape Characterisation map of the Sligo County Development Plan 2017-2023, whereby it is the policy of Sligo County Council as per policy P-TEL-1 to protect areas of significant landscape importance from the visual intrusion of large-scale telecommunications infrastructure. This policy is considered reasonable. The proposed development, by virtue of its siting between the N15 Scenic Route and the Sensitive Rural Landscape of Ben Bulbin mountain, would result in an obtrusive and incongruous form of development which would seriously injure to the visual amenity of the area and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 20/09/2019

John Connolly