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**Board Direction**  
**BD-005941-20**  
**ABP-304786-19**

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The Board decided to refuse permission for the following reasons and considerations.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the provisions of the Kilkenny City and Environs Development Plan 2014 – 2020, to the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures: Guidelines for Planning Authorities, issued by the Department of the Environment in June 1996, and to the existence of other telecommunications structures in the general vicinity, serving the same target geographical area as that proposed in this case, it is considered that the applicant has not demonstrated that the proposed development would be necessary, and would not, if permitted, lead to a proliferation of telecommunications structures in this area, or set a precedent for the provision of such structures generally. Furthermore, it was considered that the applicant has not satisfactorily demonstrated that additional mobile coverage, if required, could not be achieved by co-location with other operators on existing telecommunications structures, as advised by the Guidelines. Accordingly, the proposed development would be contrary to the Ministerial Guidelines and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board was not satisfied that the applicant had demonstrated that the proposed development would provide necessary additional telecommunications coverage for the chosen area, when compared with the level of service already provided by other operators for this area, and had not demonstrated that any additional mobile telecommunications coverage for the specific operator could not be enhanced, if required, by means of co-location on existing structures.

**Board Member**

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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