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**Board Direction**  
**BD-011112-22**  
**ABP-311541-21**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 12/08/2022.

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 35m telecommunications structure and associated equipment within an area of commercial forestry which is due to be clear felled in 2023, and is within an area surrounded by sensitive rural landscape as identified within the Landscape Characterisation Map of Sligo County Development Plan 2017-2023 (as varied), whereby it is 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. Notwithstanding the technical justification provided for the structure, the Board was not satisfied on the basis of the information submitted, that the proposed development, by virtue of its siting between the N15 Scenic Road and the Sensitive Rural Landscape of Ben Bulbin mountain, would not result in an obtrusive and incongruous form of development which would seriously injure the visual amenity of the area and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

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**Date:** 12/08/2022