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**Board Direction**  
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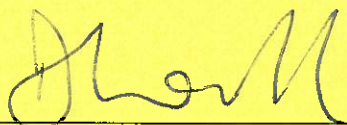
The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 01/03/2022.

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

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Under Section 4.3 of the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities, it is stated that “only as a last resort and if the alternatives suggested in the previous paragraph are either unavailable or unsuitable should free-standing masts be located in a residential area or beside schools. If such a location should become necessary, sites already developed for utilities should be considered and mast and antennae should be designed and adapted for the specific location. The support structure should be kept to the minimum height, consistent with effective operation and should be monopole (or poles) rather than a latticed tripod or square structure”. Notwithstanding the fact that the site is already occupied by a telecommunications support structure, the proposal is for a replacement structure of increased scale and bulk and is a lattice-type structure that would have a significantly increased and detrimental visual impact at this urban location on a small site lacking screening. In addition, the lattice-type design of the proposal would be detrimental to the setting and context of a designated Architectural Conservation Area and would be contrary to Policy HER POL 19 and HER POL 20 of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027. The proposed development would be contrary to national policy in relation to telecommunication infrastructure and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**



**Date:** 01/03/2022

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