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Pleanála

Board Direction
BD-011919-23
ABP-312528-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 15/03/2023.

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

Reasons and Considerations

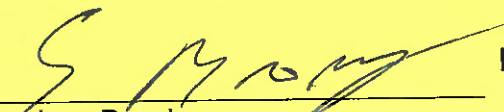
Having regard to:

- (a) The guidelines relating to Telecommunications Antennae and Support structures which were issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July, 1996.
- (b) The highly visible context of the existing 21 metre freestanding structure within 200m of the subject site and
- (c) The close proximity of the proposed structure to another existing mast to the south of the site along Barrack Lane;

It is considered that the proposed development does not comply with national guidelines as the applicant has failed to demonstrate sufficiently that the subject site is a last and only location in Granard which could serve to enhance existing coverage in the area. In addition, the board considered that the application is contrary to local policy CPO 5.176 which requires documentary evidence as to the non-availability of co-location on existing structures, and requires co-location where the number of masts located in any single area is considered to have an excessive concentration. The board further considered the proposal to be contrary to policy CPO 5.174 which requires orderly development of telecommunications infrastructure and the board was not satisfied that the applicant had demonstrated that the

necessary fibre connectivity could not be facilitated to existing infrastructure located in proximity to the subject site. The proposal was considered to represent a haphazard and piecemeal approach to providing the required coverage in the area to the detriment of the visual amenities of the town, and to be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member



Stephen Brophy

Date: 15/03/2023