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Pleanála

Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 10/05/2022.


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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the design, scale and height of the proposed structure in an area of outstanding natural beauty – the Northern Hills, the absence of a landscape visual impact assessment and to the inadequate justification for the structure at this location, it is considered that the proposed structure would negatively impact on the visual amenity of the area, would not be consistent with the relevant policies and standards of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022 and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board considered that, due to the lack of a landscape visual impact assessment in an area of special scenic value and the limited information provided with the application and appeal to justify locating the telecommunications mast on this site and evidence of how it would improve mobile phone coverage, the justification for such a development would not satisfactorily be in accordance with the relevant objectives and standards of the County Development Plan, and would therefore not be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member


Dave Walsh

Date: 10/05/2022