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**Board Direction**  
**BD-011072-22**  
**ABP-312735-22**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 05/08/2022.

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

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the information on the file, and

(a) the guidelines for Planning Authorities relating to 'Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures' which were issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996, and updated by Circular Letter PL 07/12 in October, 2012,

(b) the height, scale and elevated location of the proposed development in an area of High Scenic Amenity as per the County Donegal Development Plan 2018 to 2024, which would overlook Rathmullan and its associated heritage and landscape assets,

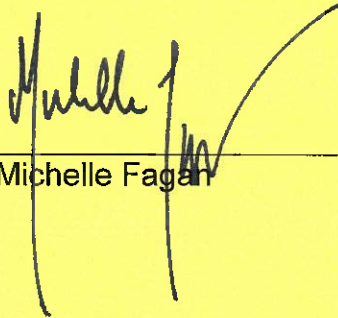
(c) the absence of a visual impact assessment, and

(d) the absence of consideration of alternative sites,

it is considered that the proposed development would be visually obtrusive and would seriously injure the amenities of the area. The proposed development would,

therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

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Michelle Fagan

**Date:** 05/08/2022