

Board Direction BD-013433-23 ABP-313415-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 23/08/2023.

The Board decided to recommend that a licence be refused for the following reasons and considerations

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the nature, scale and design of the proposed development, which is a 15m high freestanding monopole carrying telecommunications equipment with ancillary ground-mounted infrastructure, the provisions of section 254 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023, and the 'Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1996) (as updated by Circular Letters PL 07/12 and PL11/2020, respectively), it is considered that, that having regard to the nature and height of the proposed communication infrastructure proximate to the Tolka Valley Park (which is zoned High Amenity) and the site being adjacent to a Highly Sensitive Landscape, it was considered that the streetpole would damage the visual amenity of the area and would therefore be contrary to the objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and 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 shared the view of the planning authority that the proximity of the proposed streetpole to the Tolka Valley Park (which is zoned High Amenity) and the site being

adjacent to a Highly Sensitive Landscape, the proposed development would damage the visual amenity of the area.

Board Member

Date: 25/08/2023

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