

Board Direction BD-014542-23 ABP-313462-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 08/11/2023.

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 the location of the proposed development in a sensitive location in a designated Landscape Character Area; Tara Skryne Hills, (Landscape Character Area No 12), where it is stated policy that the area has low capacity for absorption of masts and, in the absence within the application and appeal documentation of a detailed landscape and visual impact assessment report, it is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to Policy Objectives HER OBJ 49, HER OBJ 50, DM POL 85 and INF OBJ 53 of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027. Furthermore, on the basis of the absence within the application and appeal documentation of a detailed landscape and visual impact assessment report, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development would not seriously injure the character of the surrounding landscape and the visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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Board Member

Chris McGarry

Date: 10/11/2023