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**Board Direction
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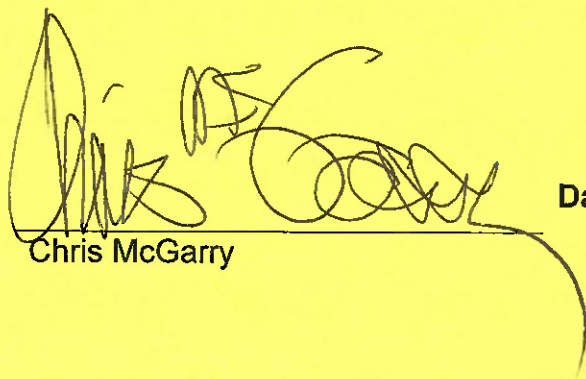
The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 23/11/2022.

The Board decided by a majority of 2:1 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 proximate to an existing water tower upon which telecommunications infrastructure is located, to the provisions of ENTP-44 of the Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027 which states that it is policy 'avoid unnecessary proliferation of masts in the county through collocation of antennae on existing structures and masts', to the relevant provisions 'Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures, Guidelines for Planning Authorities' published in 1996, it is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to policy ENTP-44 of the statutory plan and would lead to the unnecessary proliferation of telecommunications infrastructure at this location and that having regard to the information submitted with the application and appeal, the Board is not satisfied that the applicant has established the need for the proposed development at this location. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

Board Member

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Date: 23/11/2022

Chris McGarry