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Board Direction
BD-013213-23
ABP-314614-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 10/08/2023. As recommended by the Inspector in this case and as requested by the appealant, this matter was considered at the same Board meeting as file ABP-313704-22 an appeal in relation to planning permission for a 30m telecommunication mast on an adjoining site.

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:

(a) the guidelines relating to telecommunications antennae and support structures which were issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July, 1996, and

(b) the absence of information to demonstrate reasonable effort to share/co-locate on the subject site,

it is considered that the proposed development is premature, speculative and inconsistent with the government's guidelines. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Note: The Board noted that the Inspector did not consider it appropriate to recommend a grant of permission in the absence of a full assessment of the likely visual impact of the proposed development to include photomontages of likely views from the public road network. The Board did not seek further information on this new issue as there was a substantive reason for refusal and therefore decided not to pursue the matter further.

Board Member 

Date: 11/08/2023

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