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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 15/02/2024.

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

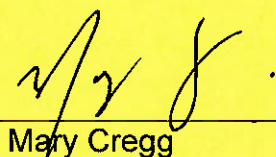
Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the greenbelt zoning objective of the site, the nature and scale of the development, the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996 and the relevant provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, it is considered that the proposed 24 metre high mast together with associated telecommunications equipment enclosed by a 2.4 metre high compound palisade fence, on an elevated site in a generally low lying gently undulating rural landscape, would be unduly prominent and obtrusive, would obstruct public views which are listed for preservation in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, and would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would be contrary to Objective GINHO58 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 which seeks to resist development including masts, which would interfere with a view or prospect of special amenity value which it is necessary to preserve, and Objective GINHO60 which seeks to protect views and prospects that contribute to the character of the landscape, particularly those identified in the Development Plan, from inappropriate development, and would be contrary to Development Management Standard DMSO222. The proposed development would,

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

The Board concurred with the Inspector that the development is a project for the purposes of the EIA Directive. However, the Board concluded that the proposed development does not fall within a class of development set out in Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 5 to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and therefore no preliminary examination, screening for EIA or EIA is required.

Board Member



Mary Cregg

Date: 19/02/2024