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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 17/05/2024.

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

Reasons and Considerations

1. There is an existing mast in close proximity to the site (Garda Site). Policy INF POL 59 of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 seeks "*to encourage co-location of antennae on existing support structures and to require documentary evidence as to the non-availability of this option in proposals for new structures. The shared use of existing structures will be required where the numbers of masts located in any single area is considered to have an excessive concentration*". This policy is considered reasonable. The Board is not satisfied that it has been adequately demonstrated that the proposed antenna cannot be located on the existing telecommunication structure. The proposed development if permitted, would contravene Policy INF POL 29 and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. The site is located in Trim Historic Core Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) and Trim Zone of Archaeological Potential and is proximate to an extensive collection of Recorded National Monuments and Recorded Protected

Structures including Trim Castle. Policy HER POL 20 of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 seeks to require that all development proposals within or contiguous to an ACA be sympathetic to the character of the area, that the design is appropriate in terms of height, scale, plot density, layout, materials and finishes and are appropriately sited and designed with regard to the advice given in the Statements of Character for each area, where available. This policy is considered reasonable. The Board is not satisfied that the applicant has sufficiently demonstrated that the proposed development by virtue of its design, scale and siting would not be visually obtrusive and detrimental to the visual amenities of the area, most notably the Trim Architectural Conservation Area. The proposed development if permitted, would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and would contravene Policy HER POL 20 and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Patricia Calleary

Date: 17/05/2024

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