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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 01/02/2024.

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

Reasons and Considerations:

It is considered that the proposed development by reason of its height and open hilltop location would have a detrimental impact on the visual amenities of the highly scenic Hook Head Peninsula. It is the policy of the Council contained in Section 9.10.1 of the Wexford County Development Plan 2022-2028 and Objective TC11 to minimize, and to avoid where possible, the development of masts and antennae within such prominent locations such as the proposed which is classified as a Distinctive and Coastal Landscape character unit. On the basis of the documentation submitted with the application, it is considered that the applicant has not adequately demonstrated that the potential for sharing of existing telecommunications mast or the co-location or clustering of the proposed antennae and support structure with existing operators in the vicinity of the site has been fully investigated in accordance with the policy set out in Section 9.10.1 and Objective TC11 and the advice contained in the "Telecommunication Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1996)". The proposed development is therefore contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Liam Bergin

Date: 06/02/2024