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**Board Direction**  
**BD-012461-23**  
**ABP-315862-23**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 15/06/2023.

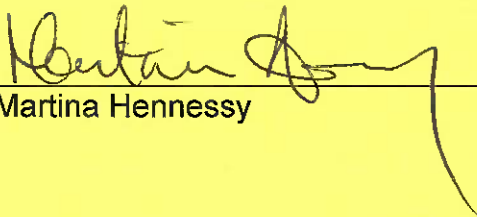
The Board decided to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

1. Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development for a 15 metre telecommunications monopole and associated infrastructure in the centre of the village of Knocknagree, it is considered that the proposed development would result in a significant and negative visual impact on the village centre and in particular on the Fair Green, the low-rise traditional buildings making up the streetscape around it, and the nearby Church, which is a National Monument and on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). The proposed development would also be contrary to national guidance as set out in section 4.3 of the Department of the Environment and Local Government Planning Guidelines 'Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures' (1996) which seeks to limit such development in town and villages; and would not be in accordance with the Cork County Development Plan 2022-2028 which highlights the importance of ensuring that the landscape, both urban and rural, are protected from any significant impact caused by telecommunications infrastructure (Section 13.8.3). The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area

2. The proposed development by reason of its scale and overbearing nature would seriously injure the visual amenity and appreciation of the protected structure in the vicinity, namely the Fair Green, and would materially contravene Objective HE 16-14 of the Cork County Development Plan 2022-2028 which seeks to protect structures on the Record of Protected Structures and their curtilage and attendant grounds and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

  
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**Date:** 15/06/2023