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**Board Direction**  
**BD-015584-24**  
**ABP-317163-23**

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 27/02/2024.

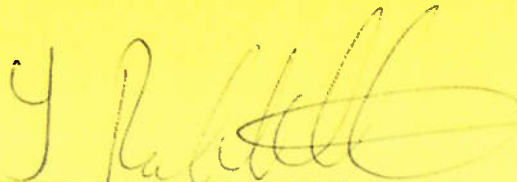
The Board decided to refuse permission (by majority decision 2:1), generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

#### **Reasons and Considerations**

It is considered that the proposed 21m telecommunications mast, by reason of its height and design, on an elevated and exposed site relative to the surrounding landscape, would be unduly prominent and obtrusive, would obstruct public views from the R 297 Scenic Route listed for protection in the current Sligo County Development Plan 2017-2023 (as extended), would be seriously injurious to the visual amenities of the area and 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**

  
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Tom Rabbette

**Date:** 28/02/2024