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**Board Direction**  
**BD-017864-24**  
**ABP-319471-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 15/10/2024.

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 Telecommunications, Antennae and Support Structures, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 1996, the provisions of the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028, the height, scale and location of the development in a predominantly low-rise residential area, and the insufficient consideration of other potential sites, it is considered that the proposed development would be visually obtrusive, would seriously injure the amenities of property in the vicinity and would be detrimental to the character of the historic core of Portlaoise and would not be in compliance with Objective BH05 of the Development Plan. The proposed development would be contrary to the Ministerial Guidelines and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

### **Environmental Impact Assessment Screening**

The Board considered that the proposed development is a project for the purposes of the Environmental Impact Assessment 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

Environmental Impact Assessment, or Environmental Impact Assessment is required.

**Board Member**

  
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Stephen Bohan

**Date:** 15/10/2024