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**Board Direction**  
**BD-019217-25**  
**ABP-319900-24**


The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 18/03/2025.

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 government's guidelines on Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1996) which state that, *inter alia*, only as a last resort should free-standing masts be located within or in the immediate surrounds of smaller towns or villages, it is considered that, notwithstanding the fact that the site is an existing utilities site, insufficient technical justification and evidence has been provided in respect of alternative sites, to support the location of the proposed development. Policy 6 – 6 of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 requires that new telecommunications and digital connectivity Infrastructure be developed in accordance with the said Guidelines and in the absence of a clearly demonstrated assessment of alternative sites, including brownfield and greenfield sites in the vicinity, it is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to government guidelines, to Policy 6 – 6 of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

  
Liam McGree

**Date:** 18/03/2025