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**Board Direction**  
**BD-018502-24**  
**ABP-320726-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 17/12/2024.

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 information presented with the application and appeal the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development complies with Policy CPO 5.176 of the County Development Plan 2021-2027 and the guidance set out in the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities in relation to investigation of the scope for sharing of installations and documentary evidence as to the non availability for the co-location of the proposed antennae/dish structures or that this proposal for a free-standing mast could be considered a last resort. The proposed development would give rise to unnecessary proliferation of such infrastructure, would contravene policy objectives CPO 5.176 as set out in the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027, and the guidance set out in the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities, and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## Environmental Impact Consideration

The Board considered that the 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.'

### Note:

The Board in considering the documentation submitted in the planning application and First Party appeal, including photomontages did not share the concerns of the inspector in relation to the visual impact of the revised design of the monopole at a location within the Exchange.

Board Member

  
Marie O'Connor

Date: 18/12/2024