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**Board Direction**  
**BD-019549-25**  
**ABP-320816-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 25/04/2025.

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

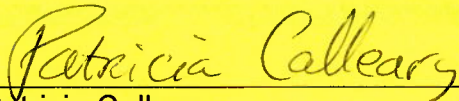
### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the siting, design and overall height of the proposed development, on a hilltop location, where forestry is in the process of being removed, in the Mountain and Lakeshore Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for the North Eastern Valley/ Glencree area in Wicklow, and in the absence of sufficient justification that due to the technical or coverage requirements the site selected is required due to exceptional circumstances, it is considered that the proposed telecommunications structure would constitute an obtrusive feature on an elevated site in an area with wide reaching scenic views and would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area. Therefore, the proposed development, if permitted would conflict with objectives CPO 17.35 and 17.38 in the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028 and Policy Objective GIB6 in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022–2028.

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.

**Board Member**

  
Patricia Calleary

**Date:** 28/04/2025