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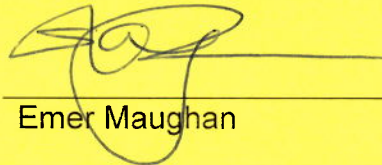
Direction
CD-020439-25
ABP-322282-25

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 06/08/2025.

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

Planning

Commissioner:


Emer Maughan

Date: 08/08/2025

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Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development would comprise the installation of a 21 metre high lattice telecommunications antennae structure on the periphery of a small village at Quigley's Point. It would be located within an area that is designated as being within an "Area of High Scenic Amenity" and "Under Strong Urban Influence", in the County Donegal Development Plan 2024 - 2030, and close to an "Area of Especially High Scenic Amenity". Objective TC-O-1 and Policies TC-P-2, L-P-1 and L-P-2 apply in relation to appropriate siting and visual impacts of such structures. The proposed structure would be visually dominant and would have an adverse visual impact on the small village, surrounding high amenity landscapes and nearby coastal area. Furthermore, having regard to the presence of an existing telecommunications

structure in the area, also on the periphery of the village, the proposed development would give rise to a proliferation of telecommunication structures in and around Quigleys Point. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Commission considered that the development is a project for the purposes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive. However, the Commission 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.