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Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 11/12/2025.

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

Planning

Commissioner:

Date: 11/12/2025

Mick Long

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

The Government's guidelines on Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1996) 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 and that if such location should become necessary, sites already developed for utilities should be considered. It is the stated policy of the Kilkenny County Development Plan, 2022-2028 to have regard to the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures - Guidelines for Planning Authorities when considering proposals for telecommunications masts, antennae and ancillary equipment.

In the absence of a clearly demonstrated assessment of alternative sites, including existing utility sites in the vicinity the Commission is not satisfied that sufficient analysis of alternative sites or technical justification has been provided, to support the proposed development at the specified location. The Commission noted the extant permission for an 18m mast 1.12km from the proposed site at the Eir Exchange on Chapel Street, Mooncoin. It is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to Government guidelines, to the policy of the development plan, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.