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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 13/10/2025.

The Commission decided to refuse permission for the following reasons and considerations.

Planning

Commissioner:

Eamonn James Kelly

Date: 13/10/2025

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Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029, to Objective CDP 11.55 to consider the provision of high-speed, high-capacity digital and mobile infrastructure within the County having regard to the DEHLG Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities 1996 (as updated by PL07/12 of 2012), to the topography of the area and to the proposed location of the site within an established infrastructure compound in the settlement of Scariff, the Commission considered on the basis of the information before it at this time that this proposed site location does not constitute a last resort towards the

enhancement of coverage in the area as set out in submissions. The height and design of the proposed structure is considered excessive in the settlement in close proximity to a number of residential properties, and would not, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Commission was not satisfied that the Applicant has provided sufficient technical justification to demonstrate alternatives sites/locations to the north of Scariff on more elevated positions are either unavailable or unsuitable to improve indicated areas of weaker coverage to the northern part of Scariff town and the wider hinterland area.