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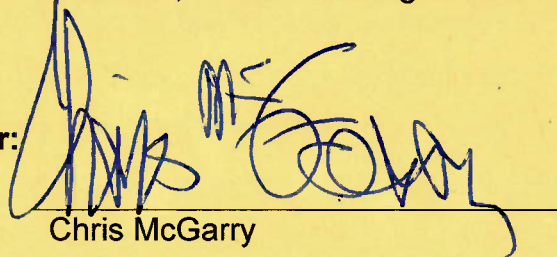
Direction
CD-022304-26
ACP-323577-25

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 06/07/2026.

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

Planning

Commissioner:


Chris McGarry

Date: 06/07/2026

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Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the location of the subject licence appeal site within a rural area on the Cuil Irra Peninsula, which is a noted archaeological landscape, to the relevant provisions of the Sligo County Development Plan, 2024-2030, including Section 33.11.3 which states that '*masts will not generally be permitted in... the archaeological landscape of the Cuil Irra Peninsula....*' to Policy, P-AH-3, which requires, '*the preservation of the context, amenity, visual integrity and connection of archaeological monuments to their setting. Views to and from archaeological monuments shall not be obscured by inappropriate development. Where appropriate, Archaeological Visual Impact Assessments will be required to demonstrate the continued preservation of an archaeological monument's siting and context*', and to

policies P-LCP-6 and P-TEL-1, , it is considered that, on the basis of the information submitted with the application and specifically in the absence of a scoped Archaeological Visual Impact Assessment, and noting the prominent positioning of the proposed development on a site, which is open and exposed, particularly on approach from the north, its overall height, which will be visible over a wide area, the Commission cannot be satisfied that the proposed development would not have an adverse impact on the archaeological heritage, rural character, setting and amenity of the Cuil Irra Peninsula and would not seriously injure the archaeological and rural character amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Note: The Commission noted the recommendation of the inspector to refuse the proposed development on the basis of endangerment to public safety by reason of traffic hazard. However having considered the totality of the documentation on file and the facts of the case including the positioning of the proposed development set back from the carriageway, the Commission did not share the view that a refusal of permission was warranted in this regard. The Commission did note the commentary of the Area Engineer, to the effect that a road safety audit 1/2 should be completed. In this regard, the Commission considered that in any future licence application for approval, which provides detail to address the reason for refusal set out above, the applicant might also choose to provide information on a road safety audit.