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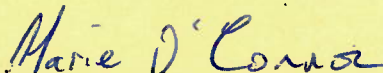
The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 20/07/2026.

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

Planning

Commissioner:

Date: 24/07/2026


Marie O'Connor

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

Policy TC-P-3 of the County Donegal Development Plan 2024 - 2030 requires consideration of the "Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities", issued by the Department of the Environment in 1996. Having regard to the government's guidelines on "Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities" (1996) and the guidance set out therein, that free-standing masts should only be located within, or in the immediate surrounds of, smaller towns and villages as a last resort, it is considered that insufficient technical justification and evidence has been provided in respect of alternative sites, to support the location of the development. In particular, it is considered that the application does not sufficiently address the capacity of the

existing telecommunication mast at Foyle View Point, Carrowkeel, Quigleys Point to cater for the black spot area. An extension to this mast as permitted under ACP-322991-25. Policy TC-P-2 of the County Donegal Development Plan 2024 – 2030 specifically requires the co-location of antennae on existing telecommunications structures. In the absence of sufficient information to demonstrate potential options for co-location, it is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to government guidelines, to Policies TC-P-3 and TC-P-2 of the County Donegal Development Plan 2024 - 2030 and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.