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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 23/09/2026.

The Commission decided to direct the planning authority to Refuse the S.254 licence, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Planning

Commissioner:


Patricia Calleary

Date: 23/09/2026

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Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the provisions of Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures-Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1996), to Policy INF POL 56 and DM OBJ 84 within the current Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 and based on the information submitted by the applicant/appellant and observer, it is considered that a satisfactory justification has not been provided for the proposed telecommunications pole structure at this specific location. Based on the information submitted, the Commission is not satisfied that all alternative locations have been robustly identified

or that co-location, which appears to be available, is not a reasonable alternative and the proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Note:

In arriving at its decision, the Commission did not share the view of the inspector that the proposed development would be detrimental to the visual and residential amenities or attach this as part of its reason for refusal, having regard to the size, scale and monopole design of the structure, which the Commission found acceptable on the visual and residential amenities of the area.