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Commission Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 08 April 2026.

The Commission decided in a 2:1 majority decision, to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Planning Commissioner:

Emer Maughan

Date:

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to

(a) the guidelines relating to telecommunications antennae and support structures which were issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July, 1996, and

(b) the height, scale and location of the proposed development in an area that is predominately rural in character

in the absence of a clearly demonstrated assessment of an alternative design to the proposed lattice type support structure, the Commission is not satisfied that the developer has demonstrated sufficient technical justification for the proposed lattice structure in terms of the minimum height consistent with effective operation for the telecommunications structure as set out in Section 4.3 of the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures- Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1996). It is the stated policy of the Kilkenny County Development Plan 2021-2027 to have regard to the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures- Guidelines for Planning Authorities when considering proposals for telecommunication masts, antennae and ancillary equipment. It is considered that the proposed development would be visually obtrusive and would seriously injure the amenities of the area and of property in the vicinity. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.