An Coimisiún Pleanála

Commission Direction
CD-001498
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 09 November 2026.

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

Planning Commissioner: Declan Moore

Declan Moore

Date: **10th day of November 2026**

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

(a) The Guidelines relating to Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July 1996.

(b) The provisions of the Galway County Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

(c) Policy Objective ICT 3 Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures.

(d) Policy Objective ICT 4 Co-location of antennae.

(e) DM Standard 42 Telecommunications Masts.

(f) The location of the site within the Smaller Growth Town of Maigh Cuilinn (Moycullen) and proximate to residential properties and to Protected Structure (Record of Protected Structures Number 711).

(g) The absence of clear rationale for selecting the subject site and clear demonstration as to the unsuitability of alternative locations.

It is considered that the proposed development fails to demonstrate compliance with the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities 1996, and would be contrary to the provisions of Policy Objectives ICT 3 (Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures) and ICT 4 (Co-location of antennae) of Volume 1 of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 and fails to demonstrate compliance with DM Standard 42 in

relation to Telecommunications Masts as set out in Chapter 15 (Development Management Standards) of the development plan.

The proposal does not satisfactorily demonstrate sufficient reasoned justification for the proposed development at this location and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.