

Board Order PL 09.248061

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2016 Planning Authority: Kildare County Council Planning Register Reference Number: 16/844

Appeal by Brendan and Esther Tallon of Ballymount, Colbinstown, County Kildare and by Eamonn and Yvonne Nolan care of Hazelwood Architects Limited of Silverhills, Ballymore-Eustace, Naas, County Kildare against the decision made on the 2nd day of February, 2017 by Kildare County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Three Ireland (Hutchinson) Limited of 5 Harbourmaster Place, Irish Financial Services Centre, Dublin.

Proposed Development: Construction of a 21.05 metres high telecommunications support structure, carrying antennas and transmission dishes with associated equipment unit, access track and security fencing at Ballymount, Dunlavin, County Kildare.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

Matters Considered

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

Reasons and Considerations

In the absence of any detailed consideration of co-location with existing masts located within the general area and having regard to the isolated location of the site in the upland landscape of Dunlavin on lands designated as the Eastern Uplands in the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023, an objective of which is to protect and enhance the visual amenity and natural character of the area, it is considered that the proposed development would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and lead to an undesirable precedent for similar developments on this sensitive landscape which is under considerable development pressure for similar developments due to its proximity to the motorway. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2017