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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017**

**Planning Authority: Fingal County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: FW17A/0156**

**APPEAL** by Shared Access Limited care of FocusPlus Limited of N3 Arbourfield House, Dundrum Business Park, Dundrum Road, Dublin against the decision made on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017 by Fingal County Council to refuse permission to the said Shared Access Limited.

**Proposed Development** Erection of a 12 metre shrouded totem structure carrying telecommunications equipment required in the provision of localised mobile and broadband services. The structure consists of a triangular section tower designed to be entirely clad with non - commercial informational signage panels made of a radio-friendly material. The GSM antennas will be concealed within the top of the section of the structure and the equipment will be cabled to adjacent communications cabinets, all located within a gated compound. The development will form part of Three Ireland's Ltd 2G voice, 3G and 4G network; all at Laurel Lodge Shopping Centre, Castleknock, Dublin.

**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**

The proposed 12 metre shrouded totem structure carrying telecommunications equipment required in the provision of localised mobile and broadband services would, by reason of its excessive scale and height, provide an overly visually dominant and obtrusive structure in this prominent corner location that would detract from and not enhance the visual character of this low profile Local Centre and proximate residential area. As such, the proposed development would set an undesirable precedent and be contrary to Objectives PM27 and DMS14 set out in the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023, which seek to enhance the character of the area and to resist large advertising structures and displays. The proposed development would, therefore, seriously injure the amenities of the area and be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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**Terry Ó Niadh**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate**

**the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this                      day of                      2018.**