

Board Order ABP-300664-18

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018 Planning Authority: Limerick City and County Council Planning Register Reference Number: 17/972

APPEAL by Three Ireland (Hutchison) Limited of 28 to 29 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin against the decision made on the 14th day of December, 2017 by Limerick City and County Council to refuse permission to the said Three Ireland (Hutchison) Limited.

Proposed Development Construction of a 15.3-metre high streetworks pole incorporating a cranked arm street light and shrouded telecommunications antennas and transmission dish, with associated equipment cabinet at ground level, all associated unit/works and security fencing at Sean Collins and Sons Bar, Rathkeale Road, Adare, County Limerick.

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

Having regard to the prominent location of the proposed mast within the Architectural Conservation Area in Adare town centre, a historical location, and having regard to the "Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities" issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July 1996" which states "only as a last resort should free-standing masts be located within or in the immediate surrounds of smaller towns and villages" it is considered that the proposed development would be visually obtrusive and would seriously injure and depreciate the value of properties in the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board did not consider that the applicant had provided adequate justification for a telecommunications installation of the type proposed nor had they shown that there was an absence of viable alternatives for telecommunications installations of a different kind.

> Terry Ó Niadh Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2018.