



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: PL 19/138

APPEAL by Cignal Infrastructure Limited care of 4Site of 4Site House, Raheen Business Park, Limerick against the decision made on the 29th day of May, 2019 by Sligo County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: The erection of a new 33 metre multi-user telecommunications support structure carrying nine number antennas and associated remote radio units, six number communication dishes, three number lighting finials and six number outdoor cabinets, all enclosed within a security compound by a 2.4-metre high palisade fence with a four-metre access gate, site access and site works. The development will provide voice and mobile broadband services in the area. All at Coillte Forest Drumcliff, Drumcliff North, County Sligo.

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 development would provide for a 33-metre telecommunications structure and associated equipment in an area of commercial forestry, which is due to be clear-felled in 2025, and which is within an area surrounded by sensitive rural landscapes as identified within the Landscape Characterisation map of the Sligo County Development Plan 2017-2023, whereby it is the policy of Sligo County Council as per policy P-TEL-1 to protect areas of significant landscape importance from the visual intrusion of large-scale telecommunications infrastructure. This policy is considered reasonable. The proposed development, by virtue of its siting between the N15 Scenic Route and the Sensitive Rural Landscape of Ben Bulbin mountain, would result in an obtrusive and incongruous form of development which would seriously injure the visual amenity of the area and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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

Dated this day of 2019.