



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 19/04863

APPEAL by Tarak Ben Amor of 37 Glen Dara, Watergrasshill, County Cork against the decision made on the 22nd day of July, 2019 by Cork County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Three Ireland Services (Hutchison) Limited of 28/29 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin.

Proposed Development: Retention for an existing 30 metres high telecommunications support structure carrying antennas and link dishes together with associated equipment containers and security fence Bishop's Island, Watergrasshill, County Cork.

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 site of the proposed development is located within the settlement boundary of the village of Watergrasshill immediately adjoining established residential development and lands being developed for housing. In accordance with the "Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures - Guidelines for Planning Authorities", published by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996, it is a requirement, with regard to visual impact, that only as a last resort should free-standing masts be located on or in the immediate surrounds of villages and that only as a last resort and if alternatives are either unavailable or unsuitable, should free-standing masts be located in a residential area (Section 4.3). It is considered that the proposed development would constitute a highly obtrusive development immediately abutting established housing within the village of Watergrasshill, would have a significant overbearing impact on adjoining residential properties, would contribute substantially to the erosion of the visual amenities of residents at this location, and would, thereby, be contrary to the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Terry Ó Niadh

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this day of 2019.