

Board Order ABP-306616-20

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Clare County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: P19/896

APPEAL by Cignal Infrastructure Limited care of 4site of 4site House, Raheen Business Park, Limerick against the decision made on the 16th day of January, 2020 by Clare County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Construction of a 24 metre monopole type telecommunications support structure enclosed within a 2.4 metre high palisade fence compound together with associated ground equipment cabinets and associated site works at Lissykenthy House, Tromara, Quilty, County Clare.

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 visually prominent location of the site on the southern approach and outskirts of Quilty Village, to the open and exposed character of the site and proximity of the proposed mast to Recorded Monument CL038-11 it is considered that the proposed development would conflict with the 'Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July 1996' as updated by PL07/12 of 2012, with regard to siting and would be contrary to the objective CDP13.2 of the current Clare County Development Plan 2017-2023 which requires that development sites are selected to avoid visually prominent locations and that site layouts avail of existing topography and vegetation to reduce visibility from scenic routes, walking trails, water bodies, public amenities and roads. The proposed development would, therefore, seriously injure the visual amenities of the area, the setting of the archaeological monument CL038-11 and the amenities of property in the vicinity and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Terry Prendergast

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board

Dated this day of 2020

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