



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20/50287

APPEAL by Signal Infrastructure Limited care of 4Site of 4Site House, Raheen Business Park, Limerick against the decision made on the 25th day of June, 2020 by Donegal County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Construction of 24 metres multi-user lattice tower with headframe carrying telecommunications equipment, together with associated equipment and cabinets enclosed within a 2.4 metres palisade fence compound with access track at Devlin or Barr of Ballyconnell, Creeslough, County Donegal. The proposed development was revised by further public notices received by An Bord Pleanála on the 19th October, 2020.

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 provisions of the Donegal County Development Plan 2018-2024, including the location of the site in an area identified as being of Especially High Scenic Amenity, it is considered that the proposed development would fail to comply with policy TC-P-3 of the Donegal County Development Plan 2018-2024, which outlines that new telecommunications masts within areas of Especially High Scenic Amenity are not normally favoured, and policy TC-P-6 which does not permit new telecommunications masts within Areas of Especially High Scenic Amenity. Furthermore, based on the guidance contained within the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1996), it has not been sufficiently demonstrated that special conditions apply to permit a new telecommunication mast at this location. The proposed development would therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Stephen Bohan
Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2021