

## Board Order ABP-309117-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Waterford City and County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20/746

**APPEAL** by Vodafone Ireland Limited care of Towercom of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2020 by Waterford City and County Council to refuse a permission.

Proposed Development: Erection of a 15 metres high monopole telecommunications support structure together with antennas, dishes and associated equipment and to remove the existing 10 metres high timber pole with antenna at eir Exchange, Main Street, Portlaw, County Waterford.

## 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

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submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

## **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to:

- (a) the guidelines relating to telecommunications antennae and support structures which were issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July, 1996, and
- (b) the provisions of the Waterford County Development Plan 2011-2017 and Portlaw Local Area Plan 2014-2020,

the Board considered that the proposed development would be detrimental to the character of the historic core of Portlaw. The proposed development would be contrary to the Ministerial guidelines and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Paul Hyde

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

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