



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/279

APPEAL by Cignal Infrastructure Limited care of Indigo of Raheen Business Park, Limerick against the decision made on the 7th day of September, 2021 by Sligo County Council to refuse permission to the said Cignal Infrastructure Limited.

Proposed Development: Erection of a new 35-metre pine tree multi-user telecommunications support structure carrying nine number antennas and associated remote radio units, six number communication dishes, one number lighting finial and nine 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 development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development would provide for a 35-metre telecommunications structure and associated equipment within an area of commercial forestry which is due to be clear-felled in 2023, and is within an area surrounded by sensitive rural landscape, as identified within the Landscape Characterisation Map of the Sligo County Development Plan 2017-2023 (as varied), whereby it is the policy of the planning authority, as per policy P-TEL-1, to protect areas of significant landscape importance from the visual intrusion of large scale telecommunications infrastructure. Notwithstanding the technical justification provided for the proposed development, the Board was not satisfied, on the basis of the information submitted with the planning application and the appeal, that the proposed development, by virtue of its siting between the N15 Scenic Route and the Sensitive Rural Landscape of Ben Bulbin Mountain, would not result in an obtrusive and incongruous form of development which would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

DR. Maria Fitzgerald

Maria FitzGerald

Member of An Bord Pleanála

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



Dated this 17th day of Aug. 2022.