

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Monaghan County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/152

APPEAL by Cignal Infrastructure Limited care of 4Site, 4Site House, Raheen Business Park, Limerick against the decision made on the 28th day of September, 2021 by Monaghan County Council to refuse permission to Cignal Infrastructure Limited.

Proposed Development Permission to construct a 39-metre lattice mobile and broadband tower with headframe carrying telecommunications equipment together with associated equipment and cabinets enclosed within a 2.4 metres palisade fence compound on Coillte land, all at Gortakeeghan, Monaghan, County Monaghan, as revised by the further public notice received by the planning authority on the 1st day of September, 2021.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

Matters Considered

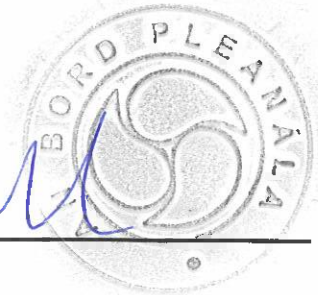
In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the “Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities” issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July 1996, and
- (b) the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019 – 2025, which identifies Rossmore Park and Environs as an area of secondary amenity value and which under Policies SAP 1 and TCOP 3 seeks to, variously, limit and resist telecommunications developments within such areas,

it is considered that the proposed development, which would be sited in Rossmore Park and Environs, would be a development which, due to its specific siting, would have moderate-to-significant landscape and visual impacts upon Rossmore Park and Environs, and where available views to recreational users would be harmed from the historic formally laid out, terraced lawns that form an elevated centrepiece to the park. The proposed development would, therefore, seriously injure the visual amenities of this secondary amenity area, would contravene Policies SAP 1 and TCOP 3 of the Development Plan and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Dave Walsh

Member of An Bord Pleanála

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

Dated this *25th* day of *February* 2022.