

## Board Order ABP-312196-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

**Planning Authority: Clare County Council** 

Planning Register Reference Number: P21/1032

APPEAL by Vantage Towers Limited care of Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of Unit 2, Listowel Business Development Centre, Clieveragh Industrial Estate, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021 by Clare County Council to refuse permission.

**Proposed Development:** To erect a 24 metre high lattice telecommunications support structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment all enclosed in security fencing at Quinville South, Quin, County Clare.

## Decision

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

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## **Reasons and Considerations**

- The proposed development, by reason of its proximity, height and siting, would have an adverse effect on the character of the Quin Architectural Conservation Area, and would seriously detract from and injure the visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to Objective CDP15.5 'Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs)' of the Clare County Development Plan 2017-2023 and contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
- In terms of visual impact, proximity to a designated Architectural
  Conservation Area and siting within a village it is considered that the
  proposed development does not comply with the provisions of
  - section 4.3 of the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines 1996, and
  - section 13.8.3 of the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2011

The proposed development would be contrary to the provisions of the said guidelines, would have a significantly negative visual impact on the area and would have an adverse effect on the character of the ACA. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

John Connolly

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

Dated this 24th day of May

2022