



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/52412

APPEAL by Vantage Towers Limited care of Charterhouse of Unit 2, Listowel Business Centre, Clieveragh Industrial Estate, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 3rd day of February, 2022 by Donegal County Council to refuse permission to the said Vantage Towers Limited.

Proposed Development: Erection of a 30-metre high lattice telecommunications support structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, all enclosed in security fencing with a proposed access track at Rathmullan and Ballyboe, Rathmullan, County Donegal.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the information on file, and:

- (a) the guidelines for planning authorities relating to 'Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures' which was issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996, and updated by Circular Letter PL 07/12 in October, 2012,
- (b) the height, scale and elevated location of the proposed development in an area of High Scenic Amenity as per the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024, which would overlook Rathmullan and its associated heritage and landscape assets,
- (c) the absence of a visual impact assessment, and
- (d) the absence of consideration of alternative sites,

it is considered that the proposed development would be visually obtrusive and would seriously injure the amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.


Michelle Fagan

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

Dated this 9th day of August 2022.

