

An
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Board Order

ABP- 313137-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Mayo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: P21/1194

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 10th day of March, 2022 by Mayo County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.


Proposed Development: Erect a 30 metre lattice telecommunications support structure together with antennae, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, all enclosed in security fencing with a proposed access track at Gortfree, Tourmakeady, Claremorris, County Mayo.

Decision

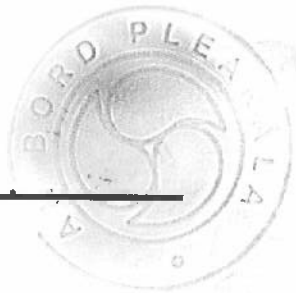
REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development would provide for a lattice telecommunications structure and associated equipment within a restricted site adjacent to an area of commercial forestry and along a designated scenic route with designated views as set out in the Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028, whereby it is policy of Mayo County Council as per policy NEP-14 to protect, enhance and contribute to the physical visual and scenic character of County Mayo and to preserve its unique landscape character. This policy is considered reasonable. Notwithstanding the technical justification provided for the proposed development, the Board is not satisfied, based on the information provided with the application and the appeal, that the proposed development, by reason of its siting alongside a scenic route with designated views, would not result in an obtrusive and incongruous form of development which would seriously injure the visual amenity of the area and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



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



Dated this *19th* day of *June* 2023