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Board Order ABP-313433-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Cavan County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/558

Appeal by Paula and John McEnroe of Lecks, Shercock, County Cavan against the decision made on the 1st day of April, 2022 by Cavan County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Ontower Ireland Limited care of Indigo Telecom Group of Raheen Business Park, Limerick in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Construct a 24 metre lattice mobile and broadband tower with headframe carrying telecommunications equipment together with associated equipment and cabinets enclosed within a 2.4 metre palisade fence compound with access track all at Lecks, Shercock, County Cavan as revised by further public notices received by the planning authority on the 12th day of January, 2022.

Decision

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



Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the absence of a detailed topographical survey in respect of the appeal site and the limitations of the Visual Impact Assessment, it is considered that the proposed development would fail to comply with the Development Objectives of LC1 to LC8 of the Cavan County Development Plan 2022-2028, to ensure the preservation of the unique landscape character type by having regard to the character, value and sensitivity of a landscape when determining a planning application, to resist development which would interfere with the character of highly sensitive areas unless supported by necessary assessments including an acceptable 'Visual Impact Assessment Report'. In the absence of this information, the topographical location of the development is inadequately defined, and it is not possible to ascertain with confidence the likely visual effects of the development. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Peter Mullan

Member of An Bord Pleanála

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

Dated this *24th* day of *October* 2023