Board Order

ABP-313462-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/184

APPEAL by Emerald Tower Limited care of Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of Headquarters, 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 7th day of April, 2022 by Meath County Council to refuse permission.
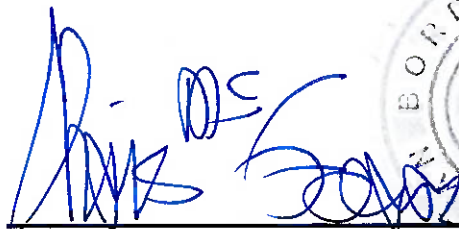
Proposed Development: The erection of a 36 metre high lattice telecommunications support structure together with antennae, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, all enclosed in security fencing with an extension to an existing access track at Blundelstown, Garlow Cross, Navan, County Meath.

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 location of the proposed development in a sensitive location in a designated Landscape Character Area; Tara Skryne Hills, (Landscape Character Area No 12), where it is stated policy that the area has low capacity for absorption of masts and, in the absence within the application and appeal documentation of a detailed landscape and visual impact assessment report, it is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to Policy Objectives HER OBJ 49, HER OBJ 50, DM POL 85 and INF OBJ 53 of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 in relation to development in sensitive areas. Furthermore, on the basis of the absence within the application and appeal documentation of a detailed landscape and visual impact assessment report, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development would not seriously injure the character of the surrounding landscape and the visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Chris McGarry

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this 21st day of November 2023.