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Board Order
ABP-313616-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Waterford City and County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/1201

Appeal by Vantage Towers Limited care of Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of Unit 2, Listowel Business Centre, Clieveragh Industrial Estate, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 3rd day of May, 2022 by Waterford City and County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Erection of a 30-metre-high lattice telecommunications support structure together with antennae, dishes, and associated telecommunications equipment, all enclosed in security fencing, all at Newtown Stables, Fenor Road, Newtown, Tramore, County Waterford, as revised by the further public notices received by the planning authority on the 8th day of April, 2022.

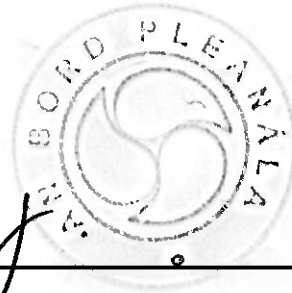
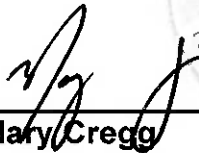
Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures: Guidelines for Planning Authorities”, issued by the Department of Environment and Local Government in 1996, and the prominent location, scale and height of the structure, notwithstanding the revised monopole design, it is considered that a 24 metre or 30 metre high mast would represent a significant and visually discordant feature in the landscape on a main approach road to Tramore (R675), forming part of the Copper Coast designated scenic route and would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would be contrary to Policy Objective LS04 of the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028 in relation to scenic routes and protected views and would not therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board, having regard to Policy Objective LS04 of the development plan, did not agree that the landscape and visual impacts of the development of the site would be compatible with the amenities of the area, given its location where it is visible from a scenic route, R675.



Mary Cregg

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

Dated this 21st day of November 2023.