

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Offaly County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/643

APPEAL by Hibernian Cellular Networks Limited care of Jennings O'Donovan and Partners Limited of Finisklin Business Park, Sligo against the decision made on the 23rd day of June, 2022 by Offaly County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

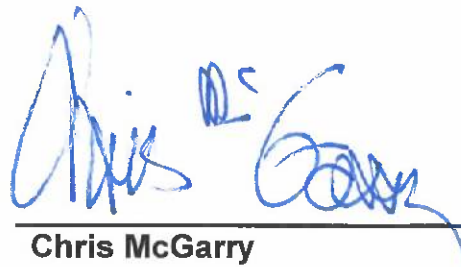
Proposed Development: Erection of a 36-metre-high lattice support structure carrying antennas and dishes together with associated ground-based equipment containers all enclosed in security fencing at Moyclare, Belmont, Birr, County Offaly, as revised by the further public notices received by the planning authority on the 27th day of May, 2022.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the location of the proposed development, proximate to an existing water tower upon which telecommunications infrastructure is located, to the provisions of ENTP-44 of the Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027, which states that it is policy to 'avoid unnecessary proliferation of masts in the county through collocation of antennae on existing structures and masts', to the relevant provisions of the 'Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures, Guidelines for Planning Authorities' published in 1996, it is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to policy ENTP-44 of the development plan and would lead to the unnecessary proliferation of telecommunications infrastructure at this location and that, having regard to the information submitted with the planning application and the appeal, the Board is not satisfied that the applicant has established the need for the proposed development at this location. 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 ^{24th} day of ^{November} 2022.