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## Board Order ABP-314250-22

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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Kerry County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 22/514**

**Appeal** by Eircom Limited care of Towercom of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 by Kerry County Council to refuse permission.

**Proposed Development:** Erection of a 21-metre-high telecommunications monopole structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment all enclosed by security fencing, all at Eir Exchange, O'Connell's Avenue/Convent Street, Listowel, County Kerry.

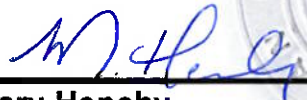
### **Decision**

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

## Reasons and Considerations

1. It is considered that, by reason of its visual prominence in an open and prominent corner site within the development area of Listowel Town, the proposed development would not integrate satisfactorily into the urban landscape and would be unduly obtrusive in this area. The proposed development would, therefore, result in a negative impact on the character of the townscape, which includes an adjacent Architectural Conservation Area, Convent Cross, immediately adjacent to the site and would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would be contrary to objectives LIS66 and KC DP 4-3 of the Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028 which seek to preserve the architectural heritage of towns and villages in the county. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. The site of the proposed development is located adjacent to a pair of single storey dwellings to the south, one of which provides guest accommodation. Having regard to the shared boundary with one of these properties and the proximity to the other boundary, and to the scale and proximity of the proposed telecommunications structure and associated equipment, it is considered that the proposed development would form a discordant, overbearing and obtrusive feature at this location, would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area, and would militate against the protection of residential amenity. Having regard to the provisions of the guidelines relating to telecommunications antennae and support structures issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July 1996, it is not considered that the proposed development in the manner proposed is sufficiently justified at this location and would not therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



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**Mary Henchy**

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

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.