



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/07269

APPEAL by Vantage Towers Limited care of Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of HQ, 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 14th day of October, 2022 by Cork County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: To erect a 30 metre high lattice telecommunications support structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment all enclosed in security fencing and all associated site works with an extension to the existing access track at The Close, Castletownroche (Townland), Castletownroche, County Cork.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

It is considered that the proposed development, by reason of its scale, height, and utilitarian nature, on an open prominent site, would constitute a visually discordant feature that would adversely injure the visual amenity and appreciation of neighbouring historic structures recorded on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage. Accordingly, the proposed development would be inconsistent with the guidance of Section 4.3 of the Guidelines on Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures 1996 and would be contrary to objective HE 16-15 of the Cork County Development Plan 2022-2028 and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board considered that the development is a project for the purposes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive. However, the Board concluded that the proposed development does not fall within a class of development set out in Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 5 to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and therefore no preliminary examination, screening for environmental impact assessment, or environmental impact assessment is required.



Patricia Calleary

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board

Dated this 01 day of December 2023