

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-315102-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Galway City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: P/DC/22/21

Appeal by Emerald Tower Limited care of Entrust Limited of Unit 1D Deerpark Business Centre, Oranmore, County Galway against the decision made on the 19th day of October, 2022 by Galway City Council refuse a licence for the proposed development.

Licence Application: The installation of an 18 metre dual operator pole, associated equipment, together with ground based equipment cabinets and all associated site development works for wireless data and broadband services at Western Distributor Road, Ballymoneen West, Knocknacarra, County Galway.

Decision



In exercise of the powers conferred on it under section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, An Bord Pleanála, directs the planning authority to **REFUSE TO GRANT** a licence, based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to:

- (a) the identification of the Western Distributor Road on Map A – City Map of the Galway City Development Plan 2022-2028 as a bus route and its identification on Figure 4.1 of this City Development Plan for use by two core bus routes in the Galway Transportation Strategy (2016), and
 - Policies 4.1 and 4.3 of the Galway City Development Plan 2022-2028, which undertake to support the implementation of the Galway Transport Strategy and the implementation of Bus Connects Galway and “the overall bus transport network which will include for a high frequency cross-city network of services and all associated infrastructural requirements, traffic management and priority arrangements”,

it is considered that the proposal would be premature in advance of the determination of the infrastructural requirements, traffic management and priority arrangements that may be required to be made to the Western Distributor Road in the vicinity of the site to facilitate improvements to bus services. Accordingly, to permit this proposal now would prejudice such determination, and so it would contravene the aforementioned policies of the City Development Plan and, thereby, would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Mary Gregg

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

Dated this 18th day of January 2024.