

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Fingal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: F22A/0473

APPEAL by Vantage Towers Limited care of Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 26th day of October, 2022 by Fingal County Council to refuse permission.

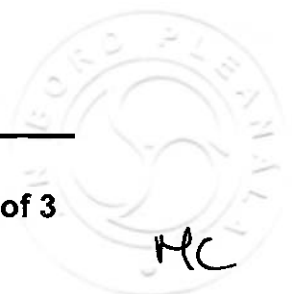
Proposed Development: Erection of a 24 metres monopole telecommunications structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment enclosed by security fencing and extend existing access track, all at Tobertown, Stamullen, County Dublin.

Decision

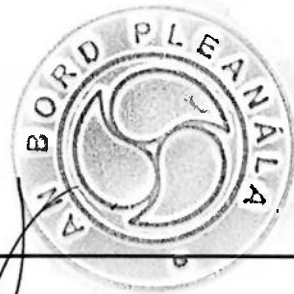
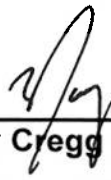
REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the greenbelt zoning objective of the site, the nature and scale of the development, the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996 and the relevant provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, it is considered that the proposed 24 metre high mast together with associated telecommunications equipment enclosed by a 2.4 metre high compound palisade fence, on an elevated site in a generally low lying gently undulating rural landscape, would be unduly prominent and obtrusive, would obstruct public views which are listed for preservation in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, and would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would be contrary to Objective GINHO58 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 which seeks to resist development including masts, which would interfere with a view or prospect of special amenity value which it is necessary to preserve, and Objective GINHO60 which seeks to protect views and prospects that contribute to the character of the landscape, particularly those identified in the Development Plan, from inappropriate development, and would be contrary to Development Management Standard DMSO222. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



The Board concurred with the Inspector 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.



Mary Cregg

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this 21st day of February 2024.