

An
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Pleanála

Board Order

ABP-315569-23

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/517

Appeal by Shared Access Limited care of Pegasus Group of First Floor, South Wing, Equinox North, Great Park Road, Almondsbury, Bristol, England against the decision made on the 20th day of December, 2022 by Meath County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: The installation of a 24 metre lattice telecommunications structure set within a fenced and gated compound area together with installation of equipment cabinets, RRUs and all associated site works at Clonard House, Corballis, Garlow Cross, Navan, County Meath as revised by the further public notices received by the planning authority on the 1st day of December 2022.

Decision

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



Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to –

- (a) the sensitive location of the proposed development on the boundary between the Central Lowlands Landscape Character Area and the Tara Skyne Hills Landscape Character Area,
- (b) the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996,
- (c) the provisions of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027,
- (d) the height, scale and location of the proposed development, and
- (e) the potential for cumulative impacts with existing and permitted infrastructure in the immediate area, and lack of cumulative impact assessment addressing same,

it is considered that the proposed development would be visually obtrusive and would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and interfere with the character of the landscape. The proposed development 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.



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Liam Bergin

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

Dated this 26th day of February 2024