

## Board Order ABP-315706-23

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Kerry County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/1157

**Appeal** by Vantage Towers Limited care of Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of HQ, 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023 by Kerry County Council to refuse permission.

**Proposed Development**: Erection of a 21-metre-high lattice telecommunications support structure, together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, together with ground level equipment cabinets, all enclosed by security fencing and all associated works at Denby Steel Products, Lislaughtin, Ballylongford, County Kerry.

## 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 site's location in an area designated as Visually Sensitive in the Kerry County Development Plan 2022 - 2028;
- (b) the height, scale and location of the proposed development in a rural coastal location area that is visually scenic in character,
- (c) the guidelines relating to "Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities", issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996, and
- (d) the proximity of the Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002165) as well as the River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004077),

it is considered that the proposed development would be visually obtrusive, would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and areas designated as visually sensitive in the Kerry County Development Plan 2022 - 2028 and would, therefore, contravene objectives KCDP 11-77, and KCDP 11-78 and KCDP 14-80 of the Kerry County Development Plan 2022 – 2028, the provisions of which are considered reasonable. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Joe Boland

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

Dated this 7th day of JUNE

2023