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## Board Order

**ABP-315727-23**

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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Wexford County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 2022/1538**

**Appeal** by Vantage Towers Limited care of Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023 by Wexford County Council to refuse permission.

**Proposed Development:** Erection of a 24-metre-high lattice telecommunications support structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment all enclosed in security fencing, and all associated works together with the construction of a site access track, all at Templetown Townland, County Wexford.

### **Decision**

**REFUSE** permission for the above proposed development for the reasons and considerations set out below.

## Reasons and Considerations

It is considered that, by reason of its height and open hilltop location, the proposed development would have a detrimental impact on the visual amenities of the highly scenic Hook Head Peninsula. It is the policy of the planning authority, as set out in Section 9.10.1 of the Wexford County Development Plan 2022-2028 and Objective TC11, to minimize and to avoid, where possible, the development of masts and antennae within such a prominent location which is classified as a Distinctive and Coastal Landscape character unit. On the basis of the documentation submitted with the planning application and the appeal, it is considered that the applicant has not adequately demonstrated that the potential for sharing of existing telecommunications masts or the co-location or clustering of the proposed antennae and support structure with existing operators in the vicinity of the site has been fully investigated in accordance with the policy set out in Section 9.10.1 and Objective TC11 of the development plan and the advice contained in the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (July 1996), as updated by Circular Letter PL07/12. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

  

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**Liam Bergin**

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

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.