

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 23/24

APPEAL by Wild Ireland Defence CLG care of Peter Sweetman of PO Box 13611, Bantry, County Cork and by Carrowhubbock Residents Grouping care of John Foody of Carrowhubbock South, Enniscrone, County Sligo against the decision made on the 25th day of April, 2023 by Sligo County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Cignal Infrastructure Limited care of Indigo Telecom Group of Raheen Business Park, Limerick.

Proposed Development: Construction of a 21-metre monopole mobile and broadband tower with headframe carrying telecommunications equipment, together with associated equipment and cabinets enclosed within a 2.4 metre palisade fence compound, at Carrowhubbock North and Carrowhubbock South Townlands, Inishcrone, County Sligo.

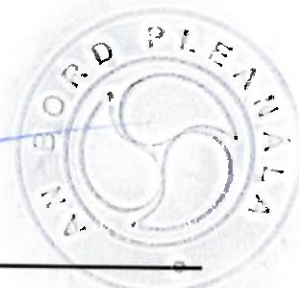

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

The Board considered that the proposed 21 metre telecommunications mast, by reason of its height and design, on an elevated and exposed site relative to the surrounding landscape, would be unduly prominent and obtrusive, would obstruct public views from the R 297 Scenic Route, listed for protection in the current Sligo County Development Plan 2017-2023 (as extended), would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and 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.



Tom Rabbette

Member of An Bord Pleanála

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

Dated this 7th day of March 2024.