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## Board Order ABP-317796-23

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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Westmeath County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 23/60149**

**Appeal** by Vantage Towers Limited care of Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023 by Westmeath County Council to refuse permission.

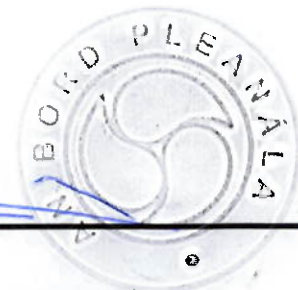
**Proposed Development:** Erection of an 18-metre-high monopole telecommunications support structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment all enclosed in security fencing, all at Cloghanboy (Strain) Townland, Athlone, County Westmeath.

### **Decision**

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

## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the coverage data presented with the planning application and the appeal, the Board is not satisfied of the need for the proposed telecommunications support structure together with antennas, or that alternative methods of providing the necessary coverage have been adequately explored. The proposed development would give rise to the unnecessary proliferation of such infrastructure, would contravene policy objectives CPO 10.184 and CPO 16.58, as set out in the Westmeath County Development Plan 2021-2027, and 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.**