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## Board Order ABP-318039-23

**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Cork County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 23/5315**

**Appeal** by Emerald Tower Limited care of Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2023 by Cork County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** Erect a 24-metre-high telecommunications support structure, together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, all enclosed by security fencing and to extend the existing access tracks, all at Waters-Land North Townland, Kinsale, County Cork.

### **Decision**

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

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## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the guidelines relating to telecommunications antennae and support structures issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July 1996, and associated Circular Letter 07/12, and to the height, scale and location of the proposed development in a high value landscape area and in close proximity to Scenic Route S60, both designated under the Cork County Development Plan 2022-2028, it is considered that the proposed development would be visually obtrusive, would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and would contravene objectives GI14-9 (landscape) GI14-12 (views and prospects) GI14-13 and GI 14-14 (scenic routes) and GI14-15 (approaches to towns and villages) of the development plan. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board considered that the proposed 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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Una Crosse

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

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.