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Board Order
ABP-318136-23

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 23/398

APPEAL by Eircom Limited (trading as eir) care of Towercom of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 5th day of September, 2023 by Cork County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Erection of a 15 metres high telecommunications monopole together with antennas, dishes, and associated telecommunications equipment, all enclosed by security fencing and removal of an existing seven metres high wooden pole, at eir Exchange, Cliff Estate, Baltimore, County Cork.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to the height, scale and location of the proposed development on an elevated site within a high value landscape area within the settlement of Baltimore, as designated under the Cork County Development Plan 2022-2028, it is considered that the proposed development would be seriously detrimental to the visual amenity of the area including on the attractive coastal setting and landscape character of the village in which Objective DB-02 of the development plan (Volume 5) seeks to protect and enhance, and would be seriously detrimental to the setting of the protected structure, St. Matthews Church (Baltimore Church of Ireland, Reference number 1250). The proposed development would, therefore, contravene Objective DB-02 and objectives GI 14-9(a)(d) (landscape), GI 14-12 (general views and prospects) and HE 16-14(f) (record of protected structures) of the development plan and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. The proposed development, by reason of its scale, position within an elevated site, and location in close proximity to existing residential dwellings, including the Cliff Estate residential properties which are located at a lower level than the subject site, would result in an overbearing and visually dominant form of development that would seriously injure the residential and visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Liam Bergin

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

Dated this 11th day of September 2024.

