

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order
ABP-318301-23

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Westmeath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 23/60246

APPEAL by Eircom Limited (trading as eir) care of Towercom of HQ, 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 26th day of September, 2023 by Westmeath County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

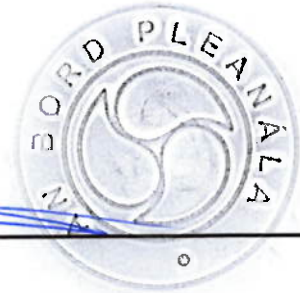
Proposed Development: Erection of a 15-metre-high monopole structure (including three metre high Omni antenna with an overall height of 18 metres) together with antennas, dishes, one metre access gate and associated telecommunications equipment, all enclosed by security fencing, and removing an existing 12 metre wooden pole, at the eir Exchange, Killeenboylegan (Townland), Moate, County Westmeath.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

It is considered that the proposed 18 metre overall height free-standing telecommunications support structure with antennae at this location, in the absence of clear justification and by reason of its height and proximity to houses at lower ground levels in the vicinity, would have an overbearing impact on the area and seriously injure the amenities and depreciate the value of residential property in the vicinity and would conflict with policies CPO 10.183 and 16.58 of the Westmeath County Development Plan 2021-2027. 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 22nd day of May 2024