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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Wicklow County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 2360264**

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

**Proposed Development:** Erection of a 20.70-metre-high multi-user monopole structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, all at carpark of The Wicklow Arms, Main Street, Delgany, County Wicklow. The proposed development is within the curtilage of a protected structure.

**Decision**

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

**Reasons and Considerations**


1. The proposed development, by reason of its nature, height and location, would form a visually intrusive feature that would adversely affect the

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Delgany Village Architectural Conservation Area and the Protected Structures in the vicinity of the site, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. Objective CPO 16.37 of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028 requires that the development of new masts and antennae be in accordance with the development standards set out in Appendix 1 of the plan. The proposed development, by reason of its proximity to existing residential areas, its adverse impact on Protected Structures, Architectural Conservation Areas and National Monuments, and the limited consideration in relation to alternative locations for such infrastructure, would contravene CPO 16.37 of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028 and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board considered 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.

  
Stewart Logan

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

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.