

Board Order ABP-318857-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Tipperary County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 23/60827

Appeal by Vantage Towers Limited care of Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 11th day of December, 2023 by Tipperary County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: 18-metre-high monopole telecommunication structure with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, including an equipment cabinet enclosed by security fencing, all at Clonmel Commercials GAA Club, Western Road, Clonmel, County Tipperary.

Decision

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



Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities which were issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July 1996, as updated by Circular Letter PL 07/12,
- (b) the location of the site in an area zoned for 'Open Space and Recreation' in the Clonmel Local Area Plan 2024-2030 where it is an objective to 'Preserve and provide for open space, sports and recreational amenities', and also to the residential areas, community facilities and schools in close proximity to the site, and
- (c) the planning histories for the existing and permitted masts in the general vicinity of the subject site,

it is considered that the proposed development would lead to a proliferation of telecommunications structures where an opportunity for co-location may exist in the immediate area on permitted masts and would seriously injure the 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 of day of 5-1-

2024.