

## Board Order ABP-319464-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Limerick City and County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 23/60822

**Appeal** by Margaret Sullivan and Tom Webb of Ballyfookeen, Rockhill, Bruree, County Limerick and by Others against the decision made on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024 by Limerick City and County Council to grant permission, subject to conditions to Vantage Towers Limited care of John Corridan of Rear 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry.

**Proposed Development**: To erect a 24-metre lattice tower together with antennae, dishes, and associated telecommunications equipment, all enclosed by security fencing at Ballyfookeen, Bruree, County Limerick.

## Decision

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

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## **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to Policy TR P11 (Road Safety and Carrying Capacity of the nonnational Road Network) and Objective TR O37 (Land Uses and Access Standards) of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028, and also having regard to the nature, scale and location of the proposed development outlined in red, which is accessed via a track from an agricultural entrance at the public road, the Board is not satisfied on the basis of all information on file that the existing entrance at the public road would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety to serve the proposed development. The Board considered that the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because adequate visibility cannot be achieved at the entrance's junction with the public road where sightlines are restricted in an easterly and westerly direction, the entrance is not within the red line boundary, and notwithstanding that lands to the west are outlined in blue, lands to the east are not shown to be within the applicant's ownership or control. The proposed development would, therefore, contravene Policy TR P11 and Objective TR O37 of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Mary Henchy

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

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the seal of the Board.

Dated this 19 day of Wach 2025.