



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Waterford City and County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2460019

APPEAL by Eir (Eircom Limited) care of Towercom Limited of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 11th day of March, 2024 by Waterford City and County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: The construction of a new 15-metre-high shrouded pole (16 metres overall height to top of lightning finials) together with antennas, dish, associated telecommunications equipment and ground level equipment cabinets. The proposal includes the removal of an existing 10-metre-high wooden support pole carrying telecommunications equipment (13 metres overall height) at Eir Exchange, Main Street, Portlaw, County Waterford.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the Telecommunications, Antennae and Support Structures, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 1996, the provisions of the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028, the height, scale and location of the development in a predominantly low-rise residential area, and the insufficient consideration of other potential sites, it is considered that the proposed development would be visually obtrusive, would seriously injure the amenities of property in the vicinity, would be detrimental to the character of the historic core of Portlaw and would not be in compliance with Objective BH05 of the development plan. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the Ministerial Guidelines and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Environmental Impact Assessment Screening

The Board considered that the proposed 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.


Stephen Bohan

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this 25th day of October 2024.