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Board Order ABP-319579-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Galway City Council

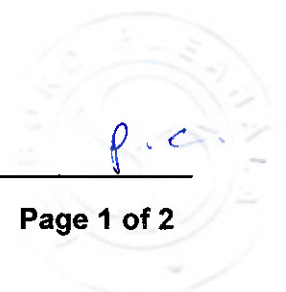
Planning Register Reference Number: 24/60031

Appeal by Vantage Towers Limited care of Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 27th day of March, 2024 by Galway City Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Retention for a temporary period of 12 months in respect of a 24-metre-high monopole together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment enclosed by security fencing using an existing access track, all at Cappagh Road, Barna, Galway.

Decision

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



Reasons and Considerations

Policy 4.6 (2) of the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 states it is the policy of the planning authority to 'Enhance the delivery of an overall integrated transport solution for the city and environs by supporting the reservation of the designated strategic road corridor to accommodate the N6 GCRR project'. In this instance, the development proposed to be retained is positioned within the preferred and/or approved route of a national roads scheme, the N6 Galway City Council Ring Road, and, if permitted, would prejudice the plans for the delivery of this scheme and would contravene the policy of the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029. The development proposed to be retained 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 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.



Patricia Calleary

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this 22 day of January 2025.