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## Board Order ABP-319588-24

### Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

**Planning Authority: Monaghan County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 23/60292**

**Appeal** by On Tower Ireland Limited care of Entrust Limited of Unit 1D, Deerpark Business Centre, Oranmore, County Galway in relation to the application by Monaghan County Council of the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made for the area in respect of condition number 1 of its decision made on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

**Proposed Development:** Removal of an existing 24-metre lattice telecommunications antenna support structure and replacement with a new 36-metre lattice telecommunications antenna support structure carrying antennas, remote radio units (RRU's), dishes together with cable ladder, gantry poles, concrete foundation and all associated site development works to provide for high-speed wireless data and broadband services, all at Tavanaskea Townland, Mullyash Mountain, Castleblayney, County Monaghan.

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## **Decision**

**The Board, in accordance with section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, considered, based on the reasons and considerations set out below, that the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme for the area had not been properly applied in respect of condition number 1 and directs the said Council to REMOVE condition number 1 and the reason therefor.**

## **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to:

- (a) the provisions of the Monaghan County Council General Development Contribution Scheme 2021-2026, which includes for exemption for telecommunications infrastructure (masts, antennae, dishes and other apparatus or equipment being installed for such communication purposes) that form part of the National Broadband Scheme or subsequent endorsed initiative as defined by the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, and

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- (b) the location of the proposed development in an area of intervention in the National Broadband Plan, which demonstrates that the proposed development is part of the National Broadband Scheme,

it is considered that the attachment of a financial contribution in this instance would be contrary to the development contribution scheme.



**Patricia Calleary**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

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

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.