



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-319731-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Waterford City and County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 24/60108

Appeal by Vantage Towers Limited care of Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 29th day of April, 2024 by Waterford City and County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Erect a 21-metre-high monopole telecommunications support structure together with antennae, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, all enclosed in security fencing, all at Newtown Stables, Fenor Road, Newtown, Tramore, County Waterford.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

The site is located within an area zoned as high amenity under the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028, is classified as 'Most Sensitive' under the Landscape Character Type Settlements, 7B Tramore Environs, and is defined as having 'very distinctive features with a very low capacity to absorb new development without significant alterations of existing character over an extended area'. The site is also bounded to the north by the R675 which is a designated scenic route known as the Copper Coast designated scenic route. Having regard to the prominent location, scale and height of the proposed structure, it is considered that the proposed development would represent a significant and visually discordant feature in the landscape on a main approach road to Tramore (R675), forming part of the Copper Coast designated scenic route, and would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would be contrary to Policy Objective L 04 of the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028, which seeks to protect scenic routes and protected views as identified in the Landscape Character Assessment (Appendix 8), and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Declan Moore

Member of An Bord Pleanála

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

Dated this 8th day of October 2024.