



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Louth County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2460127

APPEAL by Towercom Limited of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 25th day of April, 2024 by Louth County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: New 24-metre lattice support structure (overall height of 25.5 metres) carrying telecommunications equipment, including antennas, dishes, and associated equipment, together with new ground level equipment cabinets and fencing, all at Eir Exchange, Dundalk Road, Drumnasillagh (Townland), Ravensdale, County Louth.

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 issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in 1996 (as updated by Circular Letter PL 07/12), the location of the site in 'Rural Policy Zone 2' and an Area of High Scenic Quality under the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027, Policy Objectives IU 41 and IU 42 and Section 13.18.3 (Telecommunications Structures) of the development plan, it is considered that the applicant did not provide a sufficient assessment of suitable alternative locations and that the proposed development would be contrary to the stated policy in respect of the orderly development of telecommunications throughout the county and the requirement to co-locate antennae support structures and sites where feasible. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this *06* day of *January* 2025.