



An
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Board Order
ABP-319900-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Tipperary County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/739

APPEAL by Eircom Limited care of FocusPlus Limited of 3 Arbourfield House, Dundrum Business Park, Dundrum Road, Dublin against the decision made on the 31st day of August, 2021 by Tipperary County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Construction of an 18 metre high free standing communications structure with its associated antennae, communication dishes, ground equipment and all associated site development works. The development will form part of Eircom Limited's existing telecommunications and broadband network at Eircom Exchange, Kilcooley Way, Gortnahoe, Thurles, County Tipperary.

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 government's guidelines on Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1996) which state that, inter alia, only as a last resort should free-standing masts be located within or in the immediate surrounds of smaller towns or villages, it is considered that, notwithstanding the fact that the site is an existing utilities site, insufficient technical justification and evidence has been provided in respect of alternative sites, to support the location of the proposed development. Policy 6 - 6 of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 requires that new telecommunications and digital connectivity infrastructure be developed in accordance with the said Guidelines and in the absence of a clearly demonstrated assessment of alternative sites, including brownfield and greenfield sites in the vicinity, it is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to government guidelines, to Policy 6 - 6 of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Liam McGree

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this 19th day of MARCH 2025.