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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Kildare County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 24105**

**APPEAL** by On Tower Ireland Limited care of Entrust Limited of Unit 1, First Floor, Oranmore Business Park, Oranmore, County Galway against the decision made on the 20th day of May 2024 by Kildare County Council to refuse permission.

**Proposed Development:** A 30 metres monopole telecommunications antenna support structure with a headframe carrying antennas, dishes, remote radio units (RRUs), together with ground-based equipment cabinets, GPS, fencing, gantry poles, cable ladder, plinths and all associated site development works for wireless data and broadband services at Ardclough GAA Club Grounds, Ardclough, County Kildare.

**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 guidelines relating to telecommunications antennae and support structures which were issued by the Department of the Environment

and Local Government to planning authorities in July, 1996 and the height, scale and location of the proposed development, it is considered that the proposed development would be an incongruous structure, would have an unacceptable visual impact and would seriously injure the amenities of the area and of property in the vicinity. It is also considered that a sufficient examination of alternative sites and justification for the current 'last resort' site in accordance with the guidelines has not been presented. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board considered that an application could be considered under AH021 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 and therefore the application did not materially contravene the development plan.

### **Appropriate Assessment Screening**

The Board considered that the proposed development is a project for the purposes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive. However, the Board concluded that the proposed 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.

  
Liam Bergin

Member of An Bord Pleanála  
duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.