

Board Order ABP-320524-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Cavan County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 24/60110

Appeal by On Tower Ireland Limited care of Indigo of 4Site Hose, Raheen Business Park, Raheen, Limerick against the decision made on the 26th day of July, 2024 by Cavan County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Installation of a 24-metre multi-user monopole type telecommunications support structure with headframe, carrying antenna and dishes enclosed within a 2.4-metre-high palisade fenced compound together with associated ground equipment cabinets and associated site works, including a new access track, all at Lecks, Shercock, County Cavan.

Decision

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

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Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the location of the proposed development approximately 2.5 kilometres to a permitted telecommunications support structure (planning register reference number 21/288) granted to the same applicant, which has not yet been developed, and to the lack of sufficient evidence on the absence of coverage, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development would not give rise to the proliferation of telecommunications structures in the area. The proposed development would contravene Objective ICT02 and Objective ICT06 of the Cavan County Development Plan 2022-2028, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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 is required.

Mick Long

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

Dated this I day of popular

2025.