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Board Order
ABP-320726-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Longford County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2460129

APPEAL by Towercom Limited of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 6th day of August 2024 by Longford County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: The construction of telecommunications infrastructure comprised of a 21-metre monopole (22.5 metre overall structure height to top of lightning finials) carrying antennas, dishes and associated equipment, together with new ground level equipment cabinets, new fencing, temporary construction access and all associated site works. The proposal also includes the removal of an existing telecommunications rooftop support structure and replacement of existing operators equipment, at Eir Exchange, Barrack Lane, Granard, County Longford.

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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 information presented with the application and appeal the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development complies with Policy CPO 5.176 of the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027 and the guidance set out in the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities in relation to investigation of the scope for sharing of installations and documentary evidence as to the non-availability for the co-location of the proposed antennae/dish structures or that this proposal for a free-standing mast could be considered a last resort. The proposed development would give rise to unnecessary proliferation of such infrastructure, would contravene policy objectives CPO 5.176 as set out in the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027, and the guidance set out in the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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Environmental Impact Consideration

The Board considered that the 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.'


Marie O'Connor

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this 18 day of December 2024.