

An
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Commission Order
ABP-322282-25

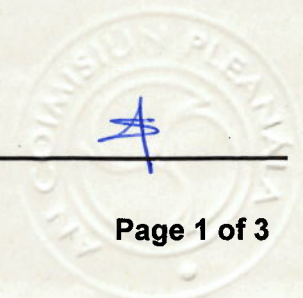
Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2462074

APPEAL by Towercom Limited of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 20th day of March, 2025 by Donegal County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to OnTower Ireland Limited care of Entrust Limited of Unit 1, First Floor, Oranmore Business Park, Oranmore, County Galway.

Proposed Development: Installation of a 21 metres lattice telecommunications antennae support structure carrying antennas supported by crucifix solution, dish, remote radio units (RRU's), together with ground based equipment cabinets, mini pillar, gantry poles, GPS beacon, Palisade fencing, concrete foundation and all associated site development works to provide for high-speed wireless data and broadband services at Tromaty, Quigley's Point, Lifford PO, County Donegal.

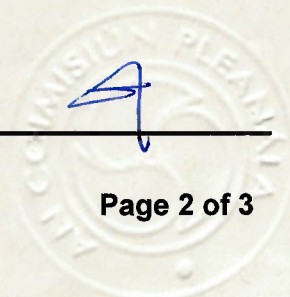


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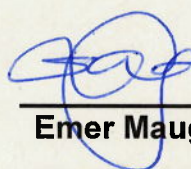
REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development would comprise the installation of a 21-metre-high lattice telecommunications antennae structure on the periphery of a small village at Quigley's Point. It would be located within an area that is designated as being within an "Area of High Scenic Amenity" and "Under Strong Urban Influence", in the County Donegal Development Plan 2024 - 2030, and close to an "Area of Especially High Scenic Amenity". Objective TC-O-1 and Policies TC-P-2, L-P-1 and L-P-2 apply in relation to appropriate siting and visual impacts of such structures. The proposed structure would be visually dominant and would have an adverse visual impact on the small village, surrounding high amenity landscapes and nearby coastal area. Furthermore, having regard to the presence of an existing telecommunications structure in the area, also on the periphery of the village, the proposed development would give rise to a proliferation of telecommunication structures in and around Quigleys Point. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



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



Emer Maughan

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún

**Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.**

Dated this 12th day of August 2025.