

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order
ABP-322310-25

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Kilkenny County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: S254/94

APPEAL by Tony McDonnell and others of Filbuckstown, Mooncoin, County Kilkenny against the decision made on the 24th day of March, 2025 by Kilkenny County Council to grant permission subject to conditions to Cignal Infrastructure Limited care of Jason Redmond and Associates of 5 Lismard Court, Portlaoise, County Laois for the proposed development.

Licence Application: 15 metre high smart streetpole solution and associated cabinet at N24, Filbuckstown, Mooncoin, County Kilkenny.

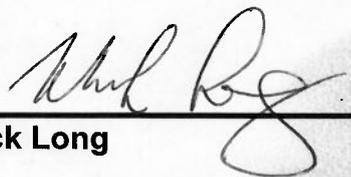
Decision

In exercise of the powers conferred on it under section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, An Coimisiún Pleanála, directs the planning authority to **REFUSE** a licence, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

The Government's guidelines on Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1996) 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 and that if such location should become necessary, sites already developed for utilities should be considered. It is the stated policy of the Kilkenny County Development Plan 2022-2028 to have regard to the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures - Guidelines for Planning Authorities when considering proposals for telecommunications masts, antennae and ancillary equipment.

In the absence of a clearly demonstrated assessment of alternative sites, including existing utility sites in the vicinity, the Commission is not satisfied that sufficient analysis of alternative sites or technical justification has been provided, to support the proposed development at the specified location. The Commission noted the extant permission for an 18 metre mast 1.12 kilometres from the proposed site at the Eir Exchange on Chapel Street, Mooncoin. It is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to Government guidelines, to the policy of the development plan and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Mick Long

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún

Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 12th day of December 2025.

