



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order
ABP-322317-25

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Mayo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2560043

APPEAL by Friends of the Irish Environment CLG care of FP Logue Solicitors of Lenin House, Rear 25 Strand Street Great, Dublin against the decision made on the 20th day of March 2025, by Mayo County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission to Towercom Limited care of Charterhouse of 31 Ashfield, Greenville, Listowel, County Kerry for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Erection of a 24-metre-high telecommunications monopole on a one-metre-high raised foundation together with associated antennas and dishes, (providing an overall height of 27.8 metres to top of antennas) and with ground-based equipment cabinets all enclosed within wooden security fencing and to remove the existing 15 metre lattice telecommunications structure and fencing. This application, if granted permission, would supersede the earlier planning permission for the development of a 20-metre lattice structure (22.8 metres overall height to top of antennas) and associated equipment at the same site (Planning Reference Number: 22/858), all at Eir Exchange, Carrownluggaun, Beech Park, Ballyhaunis, County Mayo.

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 location of the proposed development, in an area zoned 'existing residential' under the Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028 where the objective is 'to protect the amenity and character of existing residential areas', it is considered that the proposed development, by reason of its height and scale, would appear out of character with the residential setting in the vicinity and would have an overbearing effect on residential properties in close proximity. The proposed development would seriously injure the residential amenities of the area, contrary to the zoning objective for the site, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Commission considered that the proposed 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.



Mary Gurrie

**Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún
Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.**

Dated this 06 day of August 2025.