



Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Clare County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: P21/1320

APPEAL by Eircom Limited (trading as Eir) care of Towercom of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 29th day of August, 2022 by Clare County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Replace a 12 metres wooden pole with a 21 metres high telecommunications monopole together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, enclosed by security fencing at the Eir Exchange, Connacht Road, Ballyminoge, Scarriff, County Clare.

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 Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029, to Objective CDP 11.55 to consider the provision of high-speed, high-capacity digital and mobile infrastructure within the County having regard to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities 1996 (as updated by PL07/12 of 2012), to the topography of the area and to the proposed location of the site within an established infrastructure compound in the settlement of Scariff, the Commission considered on the basis of the information before it at this time that this proposed site location does not constitute a last resort towards the enhancement of coverage in the area as set out in submissions. The height and design of the proposed structure is considered excessive in the settlement in close proximity to a number of residential properties, and would not, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Commission was not satisfied that the Applicant has provided sufficient technical justification to demonstrate alternative sites/locations to the north of Scariff on more elevated positions are either unavailable or unsuitable to improve indicated areas of weaker coverage to the northern part of Scariff town and the wider hinterland area.

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Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún

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



Dated this *15th* day of *October*, 2025.