

An
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Pleanála

**Commission Order
ACP-323092-25**

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 25/60541

Appeal by Transport Infrastructure Ireland of Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 26th day of June, 2025 by Galway County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Vantage Towers Limited, Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of HQ, 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: To erect a 27.4-metre-high slim line lattice telecommunications support structure including headframe and associated telecommunications equipment attached and with a cabinet at ground level and to remove the existing 27.4-metre-high lattice telecommunications support structure including headframe and associated telecommunications equipment attached. The proposed development is within an existing fenced compound using an existing access track at Bunowen (Townland), Leenaun, Clifden, County Galway.

Decision

GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the national strategy regarding the improvement of mobile communications services;
- (b) the guidelines relating to 'Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures' issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996, for planning authorities, as updated by Circular Letter PL07/12 issued by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government on the 19th day of October, 2012 under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended;
- (c) the policy of the planning authority as set out in the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2022, to support the provision of telecommunications infrastructure;
- (d) the established use of the site;
- (e) the planning history of the site;
- (f) the potential for sharing of the structure and site with other operators;
- (g) the general topography and landscape features in the vicinity of the site, and

- (h) the specific circumstances of the application, the location of the support structure in proximity to the N59 and the support of the applicant to carry out a technical acceptance agreement in accordance with Transport Infrastructure Ireland Publications DN-STR-03001,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area, would not endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard, and would constitute an acceptable form of development at this location. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with 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.'

Conditions

1. The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The maximum height of the telecommunications structure shall be 27.4 metres.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

3. Prior to the commencement of development, the applicant shall submit for the written agreement of Transport Infrastructure Ireland a Technical Acceptance in accordance with Transport Infrastructure Ireland Publications DN-STR-03001 (Technical Acceptance of Road Structures on Motorways and other National Roads).

Reason: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

4. Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

5. The developer shall provide and make available at reasonable terms the proposed support structure for the provision of mobile telecommunications antenna of third-party licenced telecommunications and broadband operators.

Reason: To avoid a multiplicity of telecommunications structures in the area, in the interest of visual amenity, and proper planning and sustainable development.

6. Details of a colour scheme for the proposed mast and any ancillary structures hereby permitted shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development, and the agreed colour scheme shall be applied to the mast and any ancillary structures upon erection.

Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.

7. In the event of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures hereby permitted ceasing to operate for a period of six months, the structures shall be removed, and the site shall be reinstated within three months of their removal. Details regarding the removal of the structures and the reinstatement of the site shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority within seven months of the structures ceasing to operate, and the site shall be reinstated in accordance with the agreed details at the developer's expense.

Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.

8. A low intensity fixed red obstacle light shall be fitted as close to the top of the mast as practicable and shall be visible from all angles in azimuth.

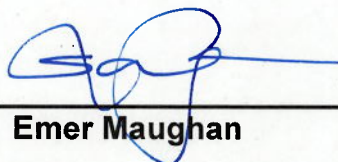
Reason: In the interest of public safety.

9. The existing telecommunication structures that the new structure proposes to replace shall be removed from site and disposed of in an appropriate and authorised manner.

Reason: In the interest of proper planning and sustainable development.

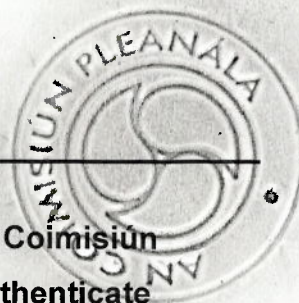
10. No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the structure or its appendages or within the curtilage of the site without a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.



Emer Maughan

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



Dated this 21st day of October 2025