

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order ACP-323577-25

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: FP401

Appeal by Phoenix Tower Ireland III Limited against the decision made on the 3rd day of July, 2025 by Sligo County Council to refuse a section 254 licence for the proposed development.

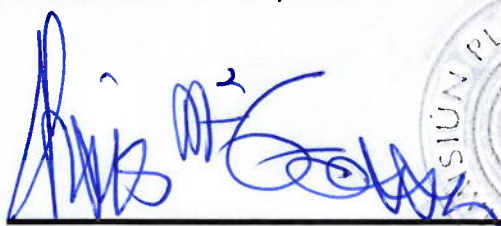
Licence Application: A 20 metre monopole and associated works at Knocknahur, County Sligo.

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 under.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

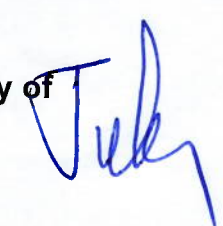
Having regard to the location of the subject licence appeal site within a rural area on the Cuil Irra Peninsula, which is a noted archaeological landscape, to the relevant provisions of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030, including Section 33.11.3 which states that 'masts will not generally be permitted in... the archaeological landscape of the Cuil Irra Peninsula....' to Policy, P-AH-3, which requires, 'the preservation of the context, amenity, visual integrity and connection of archaeological monuments to their setting. Views to and from archaeological monuments shall not be obscured by inappropriate development. Where appropriate, Archaeological Visual Impact Assessments will be required to demonstrate the continued preservation of an archaeological monument's siting and context', and to policies P-LCP-6 and P-TEL-1, it is considered that, on the basis of the information submitted with the application and specifically in the absence of a scoped Archaeological Visual Impact Assessment, and noting the prominent positioning of the proposed development on a site, which is open and exposed, particularly on approach from the north, its overall height, which will be visible over a wide area, the Commission cannot be satisfied that the proposed development would not have an adverse impact on the archaeological heritage, rural character, setting and amenity of the Cuil Irra Peninsula and would not seriously injure the archaeological and rural character amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Chris McGarry

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

Dated this 

day of 

2026.