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**Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended**

**Planning Authority: Kilkenny County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 2560064**

**APPEAL** by APW UK WIP Limited trading as Icon Tower and by Mark and Nicola Walsh against the decision made on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025 by Kilkenny County Council to grant subject to conditions permission for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** Erect a 30-metre-high telecommunications lattice structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment all enclosed by security fencing at Curraghmartin, Carrigeen, County Kilkenny, as revised by the further public notice received by the planning authority on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

## **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 guidelines relating to telecommunications antennae and support structures which were issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July, 1996, the height, scale and location of the proposed development in an area that is predominately rural in character, and in the absence of a clearly demonstrated assessment of an alternative design to the proposed lattice type support structure, the Commission is not satisfied that the developer has demonstrated sufficient technical justification for the proposed lattice structure in terms of the minimum height, consistent with effective operation for the telecommunications structure as set out in Section 4.3 of the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures- Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1996). It is the stated policy of the Kilkenny County Development Plan 2021-2027 to have regard to the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures- Guidelines for Planning Authorities when considering proposals for telecommunication masts, antennae and ancillary equipment. It is considered that the proposed development would be visually obtrusive and would seriously injure the amenities of the area and of property in the vicinity. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



**Marie O'Connor**

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

Dated this 09<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.