An Coimisiún Pleanála

Commission Order
PL-500394-GY-25

Planning and Development Acts 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2561345

Appeal by Friends of the Irish Environment CLG against the decision made on the 5th day of November 2025 by Galway County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission to Eircom Limited in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: The development will consist of the removal of an existing storage shed and to erect an 18-metre-high telecommunications monopole together with antennas, dishes and associated equipment (overall height 19 metres including lightning finial), all enclosed within a fenced compound. This application supersedes a previous application (planning register reference number 20/2011), at Eir Exchange, Clifden Road, Gortyloughlin, Moycullen, County Galway.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development for the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

(a) the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July 1996,

(b) the provisions of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028,

(c) Policy Objective ICT 3 Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures,

(d) Policy Objective ICT 4 Co-location of antennae,

(e) DM Standard 42 Telecommunications Masts,

(f) the location of the site within the Smaller Growth Town of Maigh Cuilinn (Moycullen) and proximate to residential properties and to Protected Structure (Record of Protected Structures Number 711), and

(g) the absence of clear rationale for selecting the subject site and clear demonstration as to the unsuitability of alternative locations.

it is considered that the proposed development fails to demonstrate compliance with the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities 1996, and would be contrary to the provisions of Policy Objectives ICT 3 (Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures) and ICT 4 (Co-location of antennae) of Volume 1 of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 and fails to demonstrate compliance with DM Standard 42 in relation to Telecommunications Masts as set out in Chapter 15 (Development Management Standards) of the

Development Plan. The proposed development does not satisfactorily demonstrate sufficient reasoned justification for the proposed development at this location and would, therefore, be contrary to 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.

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

Dated this 12th **day of** November **2026.**