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**Commission Order  
PL-500497-CW-25**

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

**Planning Authority: Carlow County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 2560298**

**Appeal** by Towercom Limited against the decision made on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025 by Carlow County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission to APW UK WIP Limited trading as Icon Tower in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

**Proposed Development:** Erect a 24 metre high lattice telecommunications structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, all enclosed by security fencing together with access track extension at Kilmacart, Hacketstown, County Carlow.

## **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 the nature, scale and design of the proposed development, comprising a 24-metre-high lattice telecommunications structure, with ground cabinet and palisade fencing, Policy IC P3 to ensure the orderly development of telecommunications throughout the County in accordance with the requirements of the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DECLG 1996 and any subsequent revisions along with Circular PL 07/12 on Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures and the Climate Action Plan 2025, in particular Section 10.1.8 “Digital Transformation”, which supports the national digital transformation framework and recognises the importance of this transformation to achieve Ireland’s climate targets, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not cause adverse impacts on visual amenities, would not impact on the character of the setting, and would not inconvenience the safety of road users, including pedestrians and cyclists. 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 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 development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

2. Details of the proposed colour scheme for the telecommunications structure, ancillary structures and fencing shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

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

3. Transmitter power output, antennae type and mounting configuration shall be in accordance with the details submitted with this application and, notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, and any statutory provision amending or replacing them, shall not be altered without a prior grant of planning permission.

**Reason:** To clarify the nature and extent of the permitted development to which this permission relates and to facilitate a full assessment of any future alterations.

4. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development, including tree protection measures, traffic and pedestrian safety measures, hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction waste.

**Reason:** In the interests of public safety and residential amenity.

5. The site shall be re-instated on removal of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures at the applicant's expense. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement, shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

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

6. 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 operators.

**Reason:** To facilitate the colocation of telecommunications infrastructure in accordance with local, regional and national policy.

  
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**Declan Moore**

**Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún**

**Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate**

**the seal of the Commission.**



Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL

2026