



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

**Commission Order
PL-501451-GY-26**

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 26/60396

Appeal by Eircom Limited (trading as eir) against the decision made on the 5th day of May, 2026 by Galay County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Erect a 21 metre high lattice telecommunications support structure together with antennas, dishes, and associated telecommunications equipment, all enclosed in security fencing, at Blackacre, Tuam, County Galway.

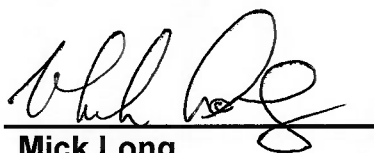
Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the “Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities”, issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996 (as updated by Circular Letter PL07/12), to policy objectives ICT3, ICT 4 and DM Standard 42 of the Galway County Development Plan 2022 - 2028, the Commission considered that a sufficient examination of alternative sites and justification for the current 'last resort' site in accordance with the guidelines has not been presented. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines, to the aforementioned policy and objectives of the Development Plan and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Commission also noted the “Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities”, issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996 (as updated by Circular Letter PL07/12) discourage lattice type towers and encourage monopole structures in terms of visual impact and the amenities of the area, but given the substance of the reason for refusal did not seek additional information on the proposed structure.



Mick Long

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

Dated this 28th day of September 2026.