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The Secretary
An Bord Pleanala
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Re: Appeal to the Granting of Planning Permission Reference Number 22873 of an 18m Monopole Telecommunications structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment.

I am writing in relation to the planning application submitted by Eircom Ltd t/a Eir at the Eircom Exchange in Gweesalia (TD) Co. Mayo.

I wish to appeal the Granting of Planning Permission.

On the basis of

- The initial masts and antennae were installed with little or no engagement with the residents of the village and without public consultation and installed in the centre of a picturesque rural village. When my family home was constructed, this mast was not built nor were there any mention or plans for it and I am certain that neither myself or my late husband would have commenced construction of our family home and decided to raise a family if we knew that I would have a 15m mast which would increase to 18m located beside us.
- Will I be impacted by the noise from the new increased size of the mast and associated equipment. The increase from 15 to 18 meters plus the additional antennae and satellite dishes will certainly 'catch the wind' in the wild & windy winter months here in Geesala.
- The visual impact of an 18m Monopole structure is excessive and quite overbearing on my family home which is located only meters from the Eircom site. The current mast can be seen on approach to the village and is towering above the residential properties in the village especially my home which is just meters from the Eircom site.
- As the level of the site is to be raised by 500mm how will the mast be 'disguised' is there any plans to plant mature trees to decrease the visual impact when on the ground so that when I am in my garden in summer time, I don't have to look at it.
- The site borders my residential property – Eircom engineers servicing the current site regularly enter my property without permission and seem to think they have a right of way to proceed through my driveway and garden. This is not acceptable and if the Planning is sanctioned the building & associated works will certainly impact on me on daily basis as there will be a building site at the bottom of my garden.

- Alternative sites are available in the locality which are more suitable – to develop the site in Geesala by Eir is based on a decision that it a more cost-effective way of expanding their Telecommunication network at present rather than developing alternative sites which will meet future customer needs as the demand for telecoms services with be increasing exponentially into the future.
- Being the closest resident to the mast the cumulative dose of radiation that my family and I have been exposed to since 2009 is concerning.
- Can Eir have the levels of radiation independently measured prior to construction of the 18m mast as a good will gesture to the local residents and to give me peace of mind? I am a widow & have a young son and I do worry about how it affects him as he is growing & developing. His father passed away from cancer and I do believe that the mast is linked to this & certainly contributed to his untimely death.
- The value of my property has been impacted significantly since the mast was erected in 2009. The value placed on my property will certainly continue to decrease as once the mast of 18m is erected it can be viewed from all angles within the house & garden. The increased mast size has now stalled my plans to put the house on the market.
- Geesala is a picturesque little village and is now thriving. The re-opening of the Erris Coast Hotel has injected new life into our community. It is detrimental to their business to have a 18m monstrosity and eyesore in their 'back garden' to be viewed by their guests in an otherwise unspoiled and beautiful windswept landscape.

I appeal to An Bord Pleanala to reconsider the Granting of Planning Permission for this mast at its current site in Geesala village.

Signed

Frances Moran