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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Kildare County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 24/60209**

**APPEAL** by Vantage Towers Limited care of Charterhouse of Unit 2 HQ, 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024 by Kildare County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** Erect a 24 metre high lattice tower together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, all enclosed by security fencing at Dreenane, Carbury, County Kildare.

## **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 siting of the proposed development approximately 124 metres from the Derrinturn Town Boundary, it is considered that a sufficient examination of alternative sites and justification for the proposed development at this location as a "last resort" has not been undertaken. Accordingly, the development proposed if permitted would be contrary to the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines (1996), and to Objective EC 086 and Section 15.11 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029, which seek to avoid free-standing masts in the immediate surrounds of small towns and villages. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board considered that the development is a project for the purposes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive. However, the Board 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**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board**



**Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY 2025**