

**CLIENT**

Private Client

**PROJECT NAME**

Wind Mast Appeal Case

**LOCATION**

County Waterford, R.O.I

**SOLUTIONS IN PLANNING FOR**

Appeal against planning permission



A test case Planning Appeal that could have led to a new wind farm development in an especially sensitive part of the Irish Countryside.

Waterford County Council had granted planning permission for the erection of a 51.5m tall test mast on the site at Bawnagappul, near Lismore, County Waterford. The site in question was on an exposed ridge overlooking the River Blackwater Valley and surrounding countryside. Hunter Page Planning submitted a third party appeal (permitted under the Irish system for planning appeals) to An Bord Pleanála (The Irish Planning Appeal Board) on behalf of a private client. Our client owns a historical castle approximately 4km from the appeal site and were concerned with the unsightly nature of the proposed mast in the River Valley and the harm caused to the setting their historic castle and others historic buildings in the locality.

Following detailed analysis of relevant planning policy and undertaking a comprehensive landscape character assessment, Hunter Page Planning successfully challenged Waterford County Council's decision on several grounds relating to planning policy and landscape impact.

The appeal Inspector concurred with the evidence put forward and overturned the County Council's decision by refusing permission for the mast. The Inspector found that the appeal site was an inappropriate location for the proposed development and that the mast would seriously injure the visual amenity of the locality.