



Board Direction

Ref: 06D.247392

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 17th February 2017.

The Board decided to grant permission in accordance with the following reasons, considerations and conditions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to

- (a) the national strategy regarding the improvement of mobile communications services,
- (b) the guidelines for Planning Authorities on "Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures" issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996,
- (c) Circular Letter PL 07/12 issued by the Minister under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Acts to update certain sections of the "Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures" Guidelines,
- (d) the policies of the planning authority in relation to telecommunications infrastructure and telecommunications antennae and structures, as set out in the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2016 - 2022,
- (e) the planning history of the site, and
- (f) the pattern of development in the vicinity,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would enhance mobile telecommunications services in the area, would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area, would not conflict with the recreational use of the lands in question, would not be contrary to the provisions of the

Development Plan and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission, the Board noted the existing visual impact created by the floodlighting mast, and did not consider that the additional visual impact created by the new structure and associated attachments would be so detrimental as to warrant a refusal of permission. The Board considered that the general area is built up with extensive areas of settled residential development, with relatively few opportunities for telecommunications towers that would not be proximate to housing. The subject proposal was considered acceptable taking into account the need outlined for the facility and the national guidelines on telecommunications structures. A condition was attached requiring any proposal for additional antenna to be the subject of a planning application.

Conditions

1. Plan Partic std (include FI to PA)
2. As per PA c.5
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, or any statutory provision amending or replacing them, no further antennae, dishes or other telecommunications structures shall be erected on the permitted monopole, unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.

Reason: To protect the visual amenities of the area

4. When the use of the telecommunications antennae ceases, the antennae and all associated equipment, structures and ancillary items shall be removed from the site within six months of the use ceasing.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.

Board Member: _____ Date: 17th February 2017

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