



## Board Direction

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**Ref: PL92.247741**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017.

The Board decided to treat this case under section 139 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. The Board also decided, based on the reasons and considerations set out below, that the planning authority be directed to amend Condition 3 as follows:

3. The developer shall allow, subject to reasonable terms, other licensed telecommunications operators to co-locate their antennae and dishes on the mast.

**Reason:** To avoid the proliferation of telecommunications structures, in the interest of visual amenity.

### REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed continuation of use of the existing mast, to the characteristics of the surrounding area, and to the planning history of the site including the terms and conditions of the previous grants of permission, it is considered that the circumstances of the case would not necessitate a restriction on exempted development, and that the condition as proposed by the planning authority is not warranted and would conflict with the provisions of the "Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures - Guidelines for Planning Authorities" issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government (1996), which encourage co-location to avoid an unnecessary proliferation of masts. For this reason also, the Board considered that it would be appropriate to amend Condition 3 to provide for the co-location of equipment.

Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017  
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