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**Board Direction**  
**BD-001313-18**  
**ABP-301215-18**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 10/10/2018.

The Board decided to grant permission, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to:

- (a) the national strategy regarding the improvement of mobile communications services,
- (b) the guidelines relating to telecommunications antennas and support structures which were issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July, 1996,
- (c) Limerick County Development Plan 2010-2016,
- (d) DOEHLG Circular Letter PL07/12,
- (e) the existing pattern of development in the vicinity,
- (f) the nature and scale of the proposed telecommunications support structure,
- (g) the proposed development would satisfy a demonstrated need for improved telecommunications services in the area,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area and

would 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 treated this proposal as a new proposal for a new telecommunications structure and considered that, notwithstanding the lack of evidence of any permission for the existing structure, the proposed development was acceptable in its context and was not contrary to the 'Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures - Guidelines for Planning Authorities' and would therefore not be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

### **Appropriate Assessment Screening**

The Board completed an Appropriate Assessment Screening exercise in relation to the potential effects of the proposed development on European Sites, taking into account the nature, scale and location of the proposed development, the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report submitted with the application and submissions on file. In completing the screening exercise, the Board noted the Planning Authority's Planners Report and concluded that, by itself or in combination with other development in the vicinity, the proposed development, would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European Site in view of the site's conservation objectives.

### **Conditions**

Planning Authority's conditions 1,2,3,4(replace the words Planning and Environmental Services with Planning Authority),5 6.

ABPs model CMP 1 condition to include "the location of the construction access to the subject site"

**Board Member**

**Date:** 10/10/2018

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**Note:**

The Board did not consider it appropriate to dismiss the appeal as it considered that valid planning issues were raised by the 3<sup>rd</sup> party.