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Pleanála

Board Direction
BD-006475-20
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 15/09/2020.

The Board decided to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the provisions of the National Planning Framework, the Athlone Town Development Plan 2014-2020, the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 1996 and associated Circular Letter PL07/12 and the existing pattern of development in the area, and the nature and scale of the proposed development, 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 or of property in the vicinity. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

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| 1. | The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application and with the appeal, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the |
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	<p>planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.</p> <p>Reason: In the interest of clarity.</p>
2.	<p>Prior to commencement of development, details of the proposed colour scheme for the telecommunications structure, ancillary structures and fencing shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.</p> <p>Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.</p>
3.	<p>The proposed telecommunication monopole shall have a maximum height of 24m.</p> <p>Reason: In the interest of clarity.</p>
4.	<p>A low intensity fixed red obstacle light shall be fitted as close to the top of the mast as practicable and shall be visible from all angles in azimuth. Details of this light, its location and period of operation shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.</p> <p>Reason: In the interest of public safety</p>
5.	<p>No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the proposed structure or its appendages or within the curtilage of the site without a prior grant of planning permission.</p> <p>Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.</p>
6.	<p>Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority.</p> <p>Reason: In the interest of public health.</p>
7.	<p>Details of a proposed landscaping scheme shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.</p> <p>Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.</p>
8.	<p>Noise levels from operation of the mast shall be kept within the following limits when measured at noise sensitive locations close to the site boundary:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day time: Leq 55 Db (A) • Night time: Leq 45 Db (A) <p>In addition, noise levels at noise sensitive locations in the vicinity of the site shall not exceed a level of 10 Db(A) above existing noise levels during core working hours and 5 Db (A) at any other time. All noise measures shall be carried out and assessed in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency Guidance Note for Noise: Licence Applications, Surveys and Assessments in Relation to Scheduled Activities (NG4). Noise sensitive locations shall be agreed with the planning authority”.</p> <p>Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.</p>
9.	<p>On decommissioning of the telecommunications service, or if the service ceases operation for a period of more than one year, the telecommunications structure, associated antennae and related ancillary structures including foundations and access arrangements shall be removed and the site lands shall be reinstated on removal of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures within three months of decommissioning at the operators’ expense.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure satisfactory reinstatement of the site upon cessation of the service.</p>
10.	<p>Prior to the commencement of development, a Construction Environment Management Plan shall be submitted for written agreement of the planning authority.</p> <p>Reason: In the interest of orderly development.</p>

Board Member

Date: 16/09/2020

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