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Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 10/06/2021.

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 Westmeath County Development Plan 2021-2027, it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed temporary meteorological mast would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area, would not significantly impact on the ecological or cultural heritage of the area or significantly effect any European site in view of its conservation objectives and would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

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 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.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. (a) This permission shall apply for a period of five years from the date of this order. The mast structure and related ancillary structures shall then be removed unless, prior to the end of the period, planning permission shall have been granted for their retention for a further period.

(b) The site shall be reinstated on removal of the mast structure and ancillary structures. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority at least one month before the date of expiry of this permission.

Reason: In the interest of proper planning and sustainable development.

3. (i) The meteorological mast shall be fitted with a Type C, Medium intensity, Fixed Red obstacle light with a minimum output of 2,000 candelas to be visible in all directions of azimuth and to be operational 24/7 or a specification agreed directly with the Irish Aviation Authority.

(ii) Light intensity to be a similar value to that emitted in the visible spectrum of light.

(iii) The applicant shall make contact with the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) of their intention to commence crane operations with at least 30 days prior notification of the erection of the mast hereby permitted and to provide as constructed coordinates in WGS84 format together with ground and tip height elevations to the IAA.

Reason: In the interests of clarity, orderly development and aviation.

4. The applicant shall ensure that bird deflectors are appropriately incorporated into the development hereby permitted.

Reason: In the interest of the environment, protection of bird species and preventing bird collisions.

5. Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

Board Member



Paul Hyde

Date: 10/06/2021

